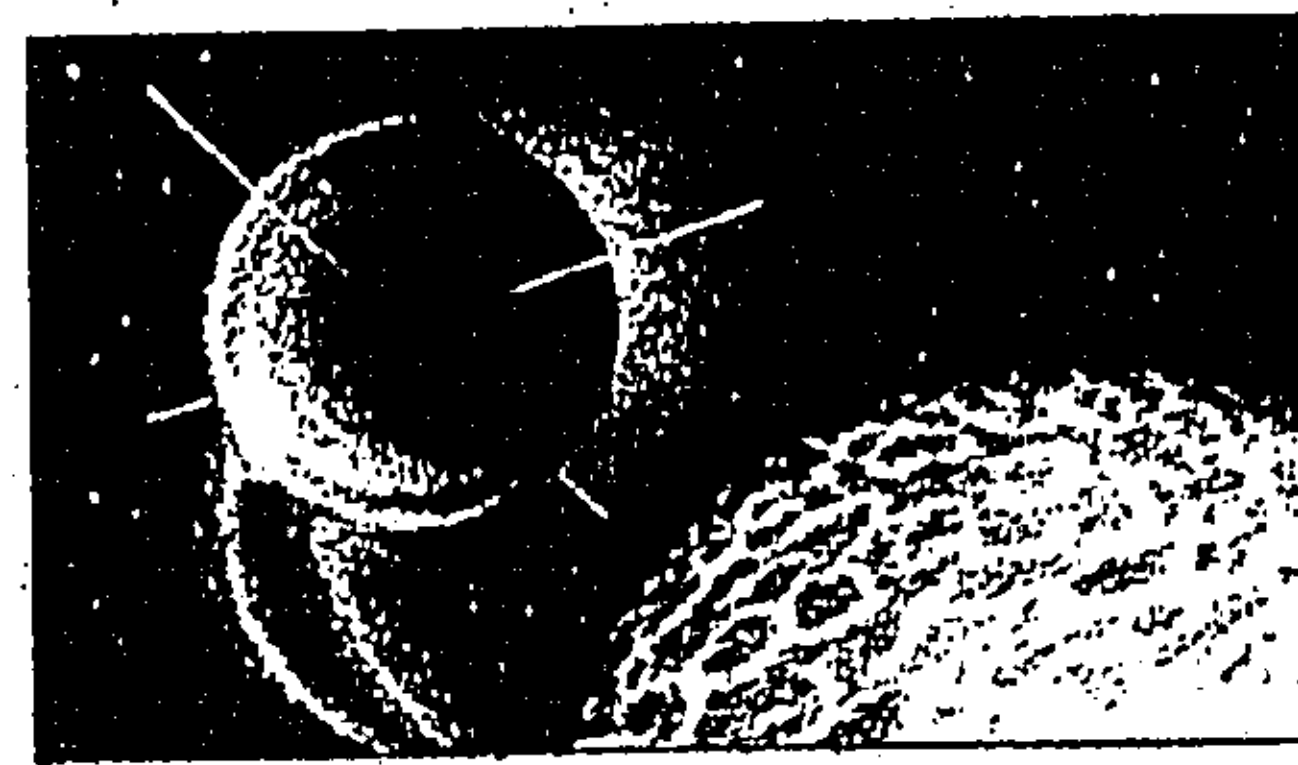


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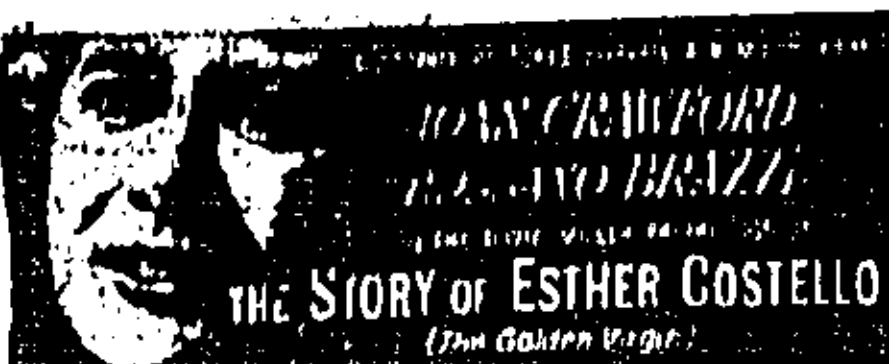
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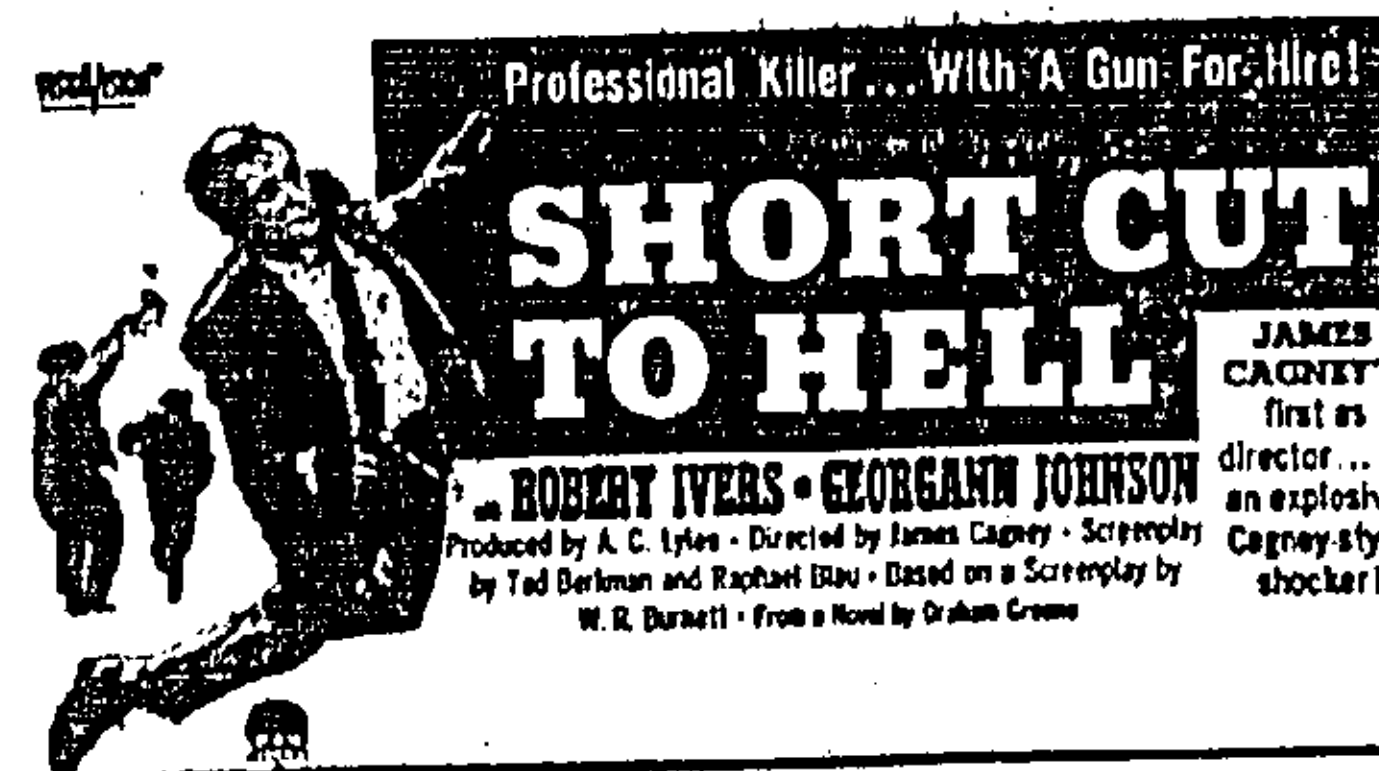


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M. GAILLARD STAKES HIS GOVT AGAIN

Paris, Mar. 12.

French Premier, Felix Gaillard, today staked his government's life on a new confidence vote after a surprise parliamentary amendment of his constitutional revision bill.

Adoption of the amendment was made possible by the vote of the government-coalition Conservative Independent Party, but Edmond Barrachin, a party leader, later said his group had approved the amendment by mistake.

The confidence vote, the seventh to be requested by Gaillard thus far, will take place on Tuesday.

Gaillard demanded the vote when the Assembly, in a surprise move, approved by 281 to 210 an amendment which would clamp constitutional restrictions on the right of French Premiers to request confidence votes in the future.

The government's constitutional revision bill is aimed mainly at strengthening the French executive.

The amendment, presented by Social Republican Raymond Triboulet, would empower the Premier to request a confidence vote, and the opposition to move a vote of censure, only on the government's general policy, international treaties and the budget.

ARTICLES

Gaillard asked for a confidence vote on all the articles of the constitutional bill including a second reading of the original version of the amended article.

Some members balked at this manner of presenting the confidence issue, and the Assembly ordered its bureau to decide whether it was acceptable.

After the bureau ruled that Gaillard had the right to formulate the confidence question as he wished, the vote was scheduled for Tuesday — following national conferences scheduled for the weekend by several parties.

Numerous members may be reluctant to support the government on Tuesday, as the confidence vote will cover articles which have not yet been debated — particularly the article dealing with parliamentary dissolution.

But if Gaillard wins the confidence vote, the entire constitutional bill is expected to be sent back to committee before the full Assembly resumes debate on it. — France-Press.

Nasser's Order To Ban All Syrian Parties

Cairo, Mar. 12.

President Gamal Abdel Nasser of the United Arab Republic, tonight decreed the immediate dissolution of all existing parties and political organisations in the Syrian Province.

It stipulated that members of the dissolved parties and organisations can participate in no partisan activities, in any form. — France-Press.

Sputnik II's Progress

London, Mar. 12.

The second Soviet Sputnik with its dead space dog is now losing altitude and should reach the world's outer atmosphere towards the middle of April, English space expert, Professor A. C. D. Lovell, stated tonight.

Lovell is the Director of the Jodrell Bank radio telescope observatory which has been following the progress of earth satellites. — France-Press.

Quad's Death

London, Mar. 12.

One of the quadruplets born to Glasgow police Sergeant's wife, Hilma Bolling, died in hospital tonight. The other daughter and the two sons are doing as well as can be expected, the hospital authorities stated tonight. — France-Press.

A 'Journey Through Space' For Five

Dayton, Mar. 12.

FIVE Air Force officers today entered a small chamber in which they will experience conditions like those inside a satellite racing through outer space at 18,000 miles an hour.

The five-day test is being staged at the Air Force base here.

The men will occupy tiny capsules, slightly larger than an enclosed aircraft seat, at the end of the space cabin. In these capsules the crew will handle simulated controls and undergo psychological tests.

A rest area contains bunks and a small food counter with a canteen staff. Each man has his own food supply in a drawer containing frozen food. — China Mail Special.

Press Praise For Queen Mother

Mobile Vicereine
Of C'wealth'

London, Mar. 12.

Some British newspapers, in anticipation of the return of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother from her Australian tour this morning, published tributes, with The Times calling her the "Mobile Vicereine of the Commonwealth" and the Daily Mirror welcoming her back on behalf of its 14,000,000 readers.

"No Queen Dowager in history has taken such a place in the active life of this Kingdom and Commonwealth as Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother has made for herself," The Times declared.

After saying that it was sometimes suggested that the Queen Mother might find a new public vocation as Governor General of one of the Commonwealth nations, The Times added:

"But now it is becoming apparent that she is too valuable to the whole to be localised in a party." — Reuter.

Prince Philip

Soellingen, Mar. 12.

The Duke of Edinburgh arrived here by air today from Wiltshire for a few days private visit to his sisters.

He was met at the Canadian Air Force base by his brother-in-law, Margrave Berthold of Baden, and then drove to Castle Eberstein in the Murg River valley in West Germany. — Reuter.

Texas Snow

Dallas, Mar. 12.

The biggest snowfall in 52 years sifted down today on Texas and Oklahoma. El Paso, on the Mexican border, recorded 6 inches of snow, destroying its reputation for good weather. — France-Press.

Crisis In Lebanon: Government Resigns

Beirut, Mar. 12.

Premier Sami es Solh dissolved his government today to sift out opponents of his pro-Western policies.

Premier Solh resigned with his Cabinet in the face of growing pressure from opponents of the Syrian-Egyptian United Arab Republic. He handed his resignation to President Chamoun at 1300 GMT.

It was expected that he would form a new government shortly.

The reason given for the move was "political incompatibility" among Cabinet members. This was judged a barely veiled indication of intra-government squabbling over Lebanon's policies toward the UAR and the West.

As long expected by observers here, Premier Solh apparently was acting to rid himself of opposition within his own official family and reappoint warmer supporters.

Premier Solh and his pro-Western Foreign Minister, Charles Malik, head a government solidly founded on Parliamentary support. He commands some 44 of the 60 members of

the legislature on the basis of national elections that rendered him a vote of confidence last summer.

But it was known from reliable sources here that the voices of President Nasser of UAR and those who favour him here were echoing more and more loudly in government circles.

Col. Nasser was said to have demanded that Mr. Malik be ousted and the Eisenhower Doctrine for the Middle East recognized as conditions for improved relations between the UAR and the Lebanon. — United Press.

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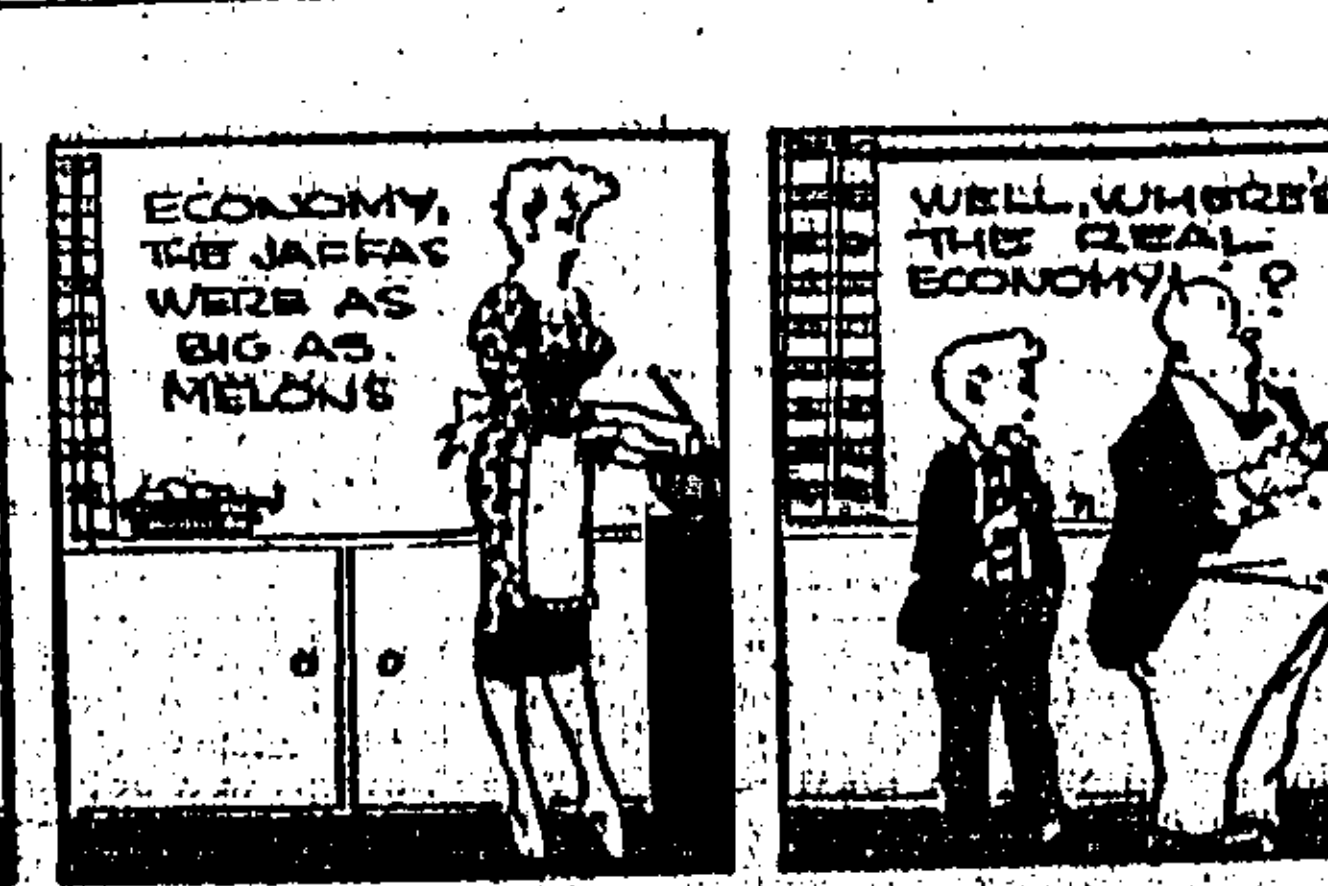
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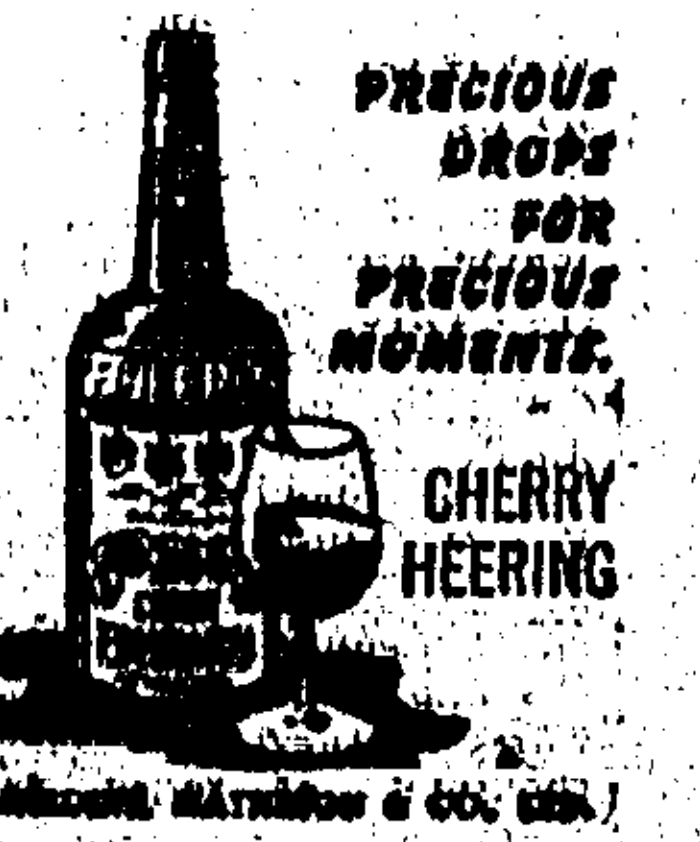
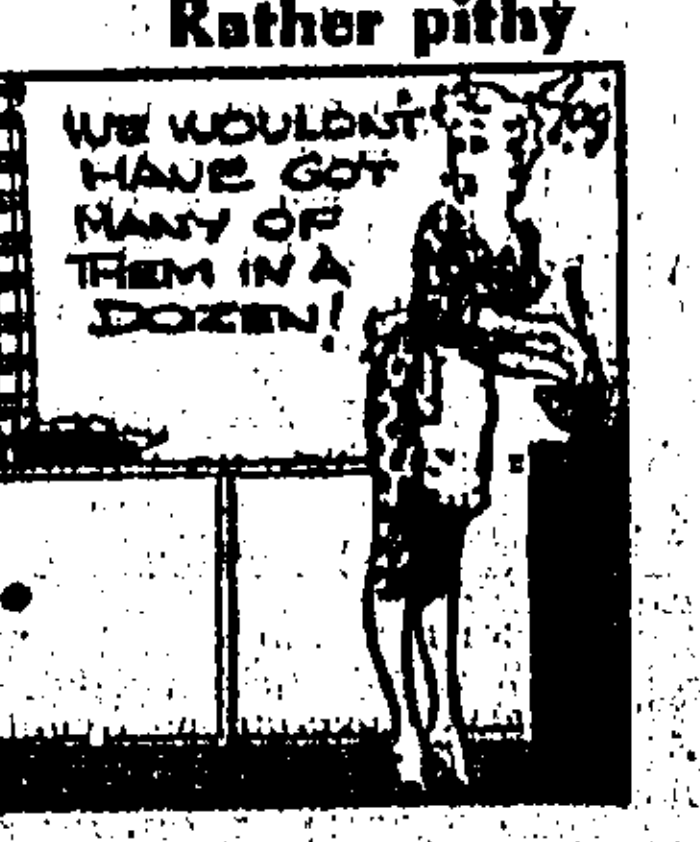
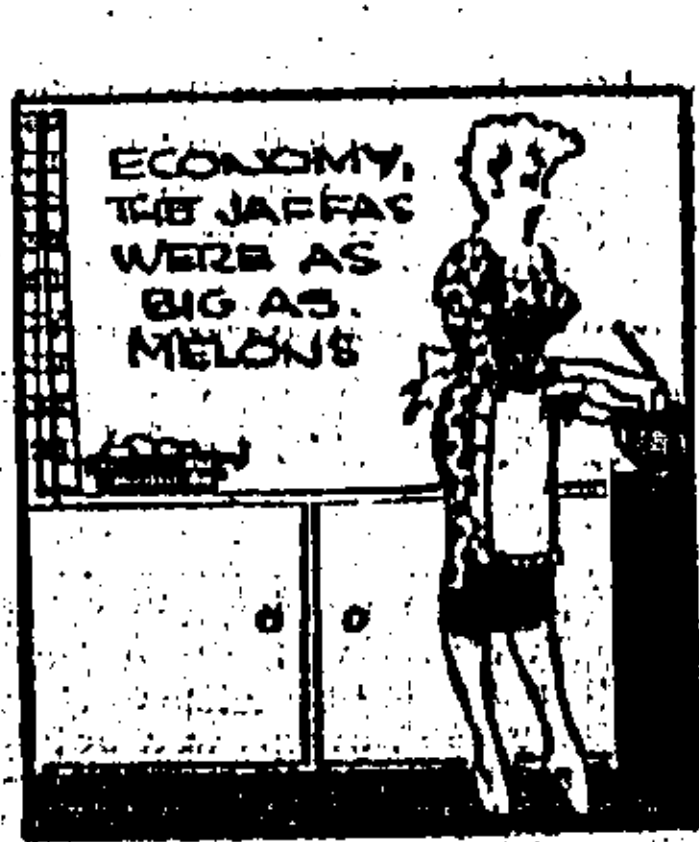
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CABLE BRIEFS

Cape Town, Mar. 12. Japanese scientists on the Antarctic expedition ship *Soya Maru* displayed today a novel souvenir of a shark's attack on the ship as it approached Cape Town.

The shark almost made off with a piece of scientific equipment—a yellow geomagnetic device, shaped like a paravane with twin fins.

The gadget contains fresh water and an electric coil. It was attacked by the shark while being towed behind the ship. One fin was bitten off and a tooth of the shark was left in its place.—United Press.

Leeds, Mar. 12. Police today expected little difficulty in locating Terence Cutts, who escaped from jail yesterday for the 13th time.

Cutts, 29, thus a heart, a woman's figure and the names Rose and Ruth tattooed on his right arm, a flag and an eagle on his left arm, an anchor and a flag on the back of his right hand, and bluebirds on both thumbs.—United Press.

London, Mar. 12. The Lone Ranger, gun in hand, was just crawling into a cave to fight it out with a bandit when the screens went black. Audible children jammed the switchboards at BBC Television here recently to ask: "Is the Lone Ranger all right?"

Officials told the children the Lone Ranger was in the filmed episode, as always. But it took 40 minutes to restore the power cut which blanked the TV station, by which time another film was on the air.—United Press.

Northampton, Mar. 12. Bernard Durham and his 18-year-old wife, Gloria Lawrence, started off on their honeymoon in a shower of confetti.

Half an hour later their car hit another and ricocheted into a truck. Durham and his wife both were killed.—United Press.

Rome, Mar. 12. Police yesterday brought in beggar Orlando VIII, 79, for loitering and asked as a matter of curiosity what his take was for the day.

VIII turned his pockets inside out and police counted about 300,000 lire (US\$484) in money ranging from five lire to 10,000 lire.—United Press.

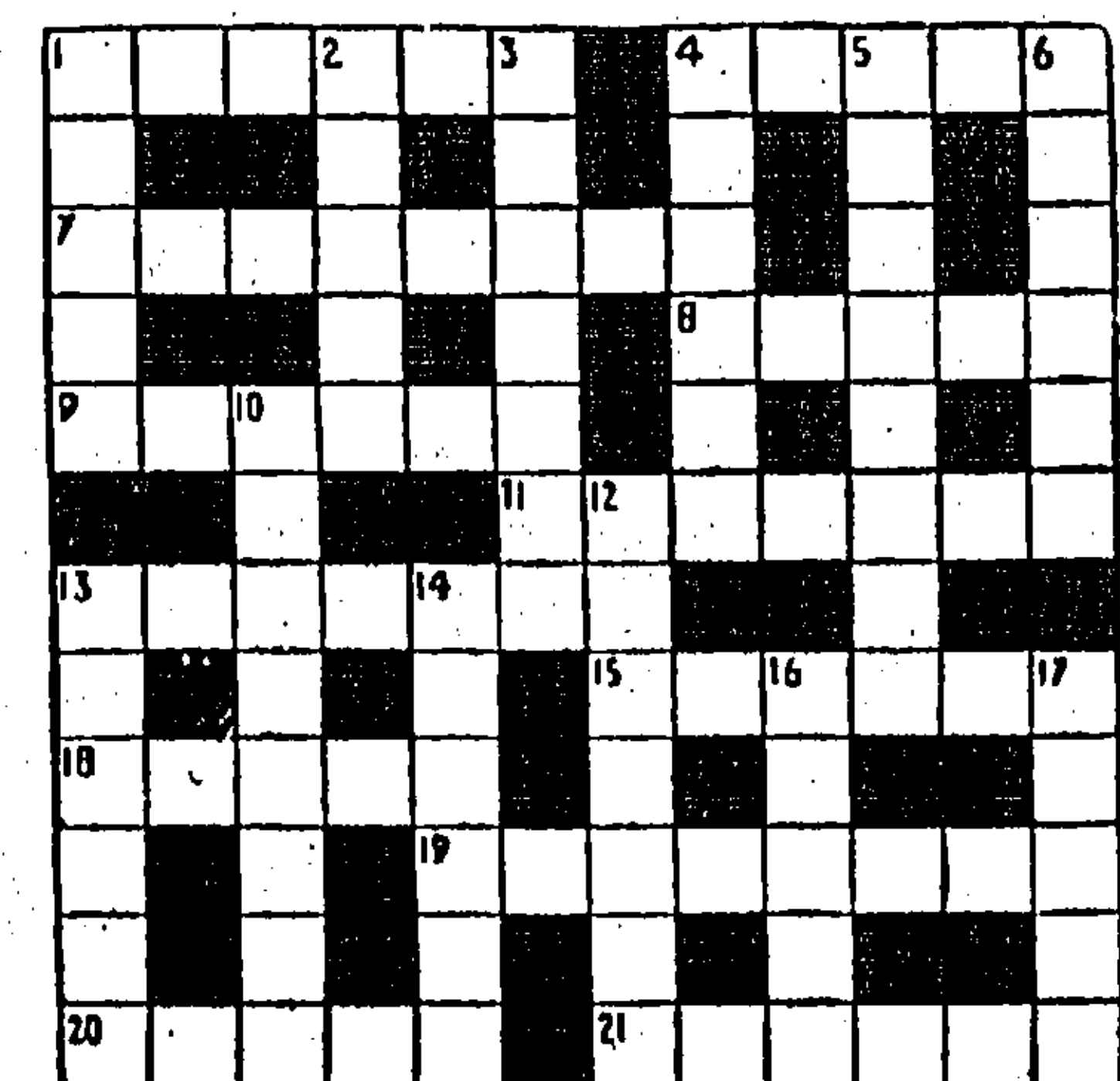
Jenks, Mar. 12. Pushed into a snowdrift in a collision with a "Messerschmitt" (midjet car) on a road near here, a big elk bull stalled by trampling through the car's plastic top.—United Press.

BILLIE HOLIDAY IN TROUBLE

Philadelphia, Mar. 12. SINGER Billie Holiday and her husband, Louis McKay, were placed on probation today after a police captain who arrested them on narcotics charges two years ago testified that the singer gave aid in a crackdown on drug sellers here.

The singer told the court she was cured of the narcotics habit. The judge, in placing her under probation for one year, said that if she got into any trouble "in any part of the country" he would recall her and sentence her.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 1 Dumbly talk (6).
 - 4 Military skeleton formation (5).
 - 7 He's a stickler! (8).
 - 8 Indications of correctness (5).
 - 9 A shilling is enough for a specimen (6).
 - 11 Girl eager for material (7).
 - 13 Solan gear (7).
 - 15 Your compiler a dog? (6).
 - 16 Replant trees, perhaps (6).
 - 18 Late night final day in Scotland (6).
 - 20 Cooperatively merry and bright (5).
 - 21 In rings it is heavenly (6).
- DOWN
- 2 Transparent G-girl (6).
 - 3 Very much inclined to snare (5).
 - 5 Just now it's a gift (7).
 - 6 Gaffer (6).
 - 10 It's prudent to start with a record (8).
 - 12 Famous inventor (6).
 - 14 Home Office, for instance? (8).
 - 17 Designates as tokens (7).
 - 19 It's on the Thames (6).
 - 22 Miss Williams? (6).
 - 23 A feature of portraiture (6).
 - 24 Artificial silk (5).

WEDNESDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Come, 4 Frolics, 8 Gals, 9 Vain, 10 Instant, 11 Ring, 12 Hemi, 14 Teasing, 17 Edict, 18 Unga, 22 Lescaze, 23 Inns, 27 Vice, 28 Surred, 29 Sure, 30 Rent, 31 Parson, 32 Apoc, Down: 3 Agoric, 3 Agoric, 4 Flint, 6 Ranged, 6 Lotus, 7 Canon, 12 Hosi, 13 Miss, 16 Ivan, 18 Goes, 19 Severn, 20 Sista, 21 Gnarls, 23 Extra, 24 Boats, 25 Sides.

'Break The Ice With Russia'

Released Killer Gets \$10 A Month Job

Springfield, Mar. 12. Nathan Leopold, recently freed on parole after 33 years in jail for his part in the 1924 sensational murder of 14-year-old Bobby Franks, has received permission to work in a Porto Rican hospital at a monthly salary of \$10, the Illinois Parole Authorities said today.

Franklin Strinsky, President of the Parole Board, said Leopold would leave the Stateville prison tomorrow, and would be allowed to visit his family in the United States before going to Porto Rico, where he would remain under the supervision of the local authorities.

Leopold and his friend, Richard Loeb, were sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder which has become known as "The Crime of the Century."

Loeb was killed by a fellow prisoner in 1938.—France-Press.

SNAPS OF THE SATELLITES

Adelaide, Mar. 12. Experts at the Venera Rocket Range photographed Russia's Sputnik II last night with a huge new tracking camera capable of spotting a tennis ball 1,000 miles away.

The film is expected to provide a clear record of the satellite's orbit, a hundred times more accurately than the US Minuteman radar also installed at the Range.

Experts said the American-developed Baker Nunn camera can photograph a tennis ball 1,000 miles away. They hope to photograph the United States-made Explorer satellite on Thursday and Friday nights.—United Press.

THE LABOUR PARTY CHIEF'S VIEWS ON SUMMIT TALKS

New York, Mar. 12.

Mr Hugh Gaitskell, the British Labour Party leader, said today he thought it would be a "great mistake" to insist on lower-level negotiations before any "summit" talks between the leaders of East and West.

While these preliminary negotiations were desirable, he said, he felt that what the Soviet Union really wanted was an "ice-breaking" conference and it would be a great pity to turn that down if that, in fact, was what that country wanted.

Mr Gaitskell made these statements in a three-way trans-Atlantic radio hook-up in which he discussed current international problems with Mr Pierre Mendes-France, the former French Prime Minister and Mr Adlai Stevenson, titular head of the Democratic Party in the United States.

A transcript of the programme, recorded by the Columbia Broadcasting System, was released to the press in advance.

Mr Gaitskell suggested that a summit conference to begin East-West talks might very well be the means by which the two sides could get together on differences that could then be handed down to lower levels for negotiation—a reversal of the procedure the West is demanding now.

"I think there are two rather different views of this summit conference which one wants to distinguish," Mr Gaitskell said.

"On the whole, the Western view—and particularly the United States view—has been that this should be what I have called an 'apex conference', something you reach eventually after there has been a great deal of discussion and thrashing out of problems between secretaries, or perhaps between ambassadors. And then, at the end of it all, the heads of state come along and so to speak 'sign on the dotted line' or deal with the remaining problems.

"And I fully agree that there is one possible way of proceeding, but my impression is that Russians—though of course they may change their minds on this—are not thinking, really, of a summit conference in those terms.

"They are thinking of it more in terms of what I call the 'ice-breaking' type of conference.

Clear

"And personally, I think it would be a great pity to turn that down—if, in fact, it becomes clear that that is what the Russians want."

"I would much prefer to see it as a conference which started off as a period of negotiation, serious negotiation, which may very well have to be private and certainly at a lower level," Mr Gaitskell said.

"That does not mean you would not expect to get anywhere at a summit conference—you would want to make some progress—but you would not be terribly excited and you would not wind it all up."

"You would say: 'Well, now we have got these problems, and now that we've made some progress, let the rest of it be handed on to the foreign secretaries or the ambassadors.'

"And that, I think, is one of the points at issue between the

Floods On The Rhine



DURING the recent flooding of the Rhine, a housewife of St. Guar sweeps a footbridge erected to enable residents to pass through the streets.—Key-stone.

China: A Determination To Surpass UK's Production

By WALTON A. COLE

London, Mar. 12.

Determination to fulfil China's destiny as a leading, if not the leading world power, is the motive which drives political chiefs and department officials charged with modernising in field and factory a nation of 650 million which expects a population increase of 150 million by 1972.

They do not spare themselves, and so set an example to all. It is commonplace for an official appointment to be fixed in a time range of 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Not infrequently the chief of a diplomatic mission in Peking can be summoned for consultation at 4 a.m. and find that senior officials who wish to talk to him have been in continuous study session on some subject since dinner time.

Like all workers except those on the land, they ostensibly have an eight-hour day and a six-day week, exclusive of meal hours. But such is the fervour for work that no one is ever appeared to give the slightest thought to adhering to such duty schedules.

Superficially it might seem that Chinese Communist leaders must be in a vacuum regarding the day-to-day occurrences of the outside world, which have little or no place in press or radio. But by means of intelligently compiled news digests, based in the main on monitoring all available radio and news sources and scrutinizing the world's daily and periodical press, they are among the best informed individuals on current affairs that I have met.

The world outside, as seen through these digests, cannot appear other than lopsided when compared with the accounts of the always correct and unified Communist bloc. Capitalism and its hand-maiden

war everything that we have accomplished to date will be lost."

And again, during criticism of American military and economic policy: "Properly thought-out economic co-operation between the capitalist and Communist countries could substantially stabilise the economies of the capitalist countries and advance reconstruction and development in the Socialist countries."

I pass these comments on after talking to a 12-day visit to China. Some day, perhaps, American correspondents themselves will be admitted to China, and report on the Chinese viewpoint towards their country and on the development there of a huge, disciplined workers' state. But the Chinese insist that will never happen until an equal number of Chinese correspondents are admitted to the United States.

Imperialism are condemned. The condemnation is epitomised in the form of the Government or ruling Capitalist clique of the United States—never the American people as such.

Bitter things are said and written about the United States. A great hoarding which in itself seems almost sacrilegious in the quiet of the gardens of the Temple of Heaven in Peking points on a mural American Air and Naval bases on Taiwan and pledges that China will liberate Taiwan from the Americans as "Taiwan is China."

Encircle

The United States is accused of trying to encircle the Communist countries, of stimulating war fear so that its armament industries will buy up its economy, and of giving aid to under-developed countries only to create markets for its own goods.

Britain, too, is criticised for behaving like a satellite of the United States in all matters relating to China, and for permitting "Americans and others to take advantage of Hongkong as a base to carry out activities which are hostile to China."

But in the face of all this one of the highest Communists in the land said earnestly: "What we want in China for the survival of our development plan is peace. Through

war everything that we have accomplished to date will be lost."

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Equality

Throughout all the many discussions of international relations that I had, runs the undeviating theme of absolute equality and reciprocity.

Leaders frankly admit that China is short of foreign currency, a "backward country," and advocate barrier deals as the basis of foreign trade, but assert that in no circumstances would they accept any outside aid to which strings were attached.

Struggling to build up their own industries through a series of ambitious five-year plans, they have selected Britain as the industrial nation whose output must be surpassed, although by the target date of 1972 their population will be 10 times that of Britain.

Workers are exhorted towards this goal by posters prominently displayed in factories. Typical one: "The 1972 goal for China is 40 million tons of steel (eight times current output) equalling estimated British production, (current British steel production is at an annual rate of 21 million tons) and workers of this factory shall resolutely accomplish their owed task in the first quarter of 1958 where they produced three medium-sized turbines, two large turbines, one high-powered specialised turbine."

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First Bid In The Autumn

Plans To Contact Planet Venus By Radio Waves

Jodrell Bank, Cheshire, Mar. 12.

Plans for contacting Venus—earth's closest planet—by bouncing radio waves off its surface have been completed by scientists working on the giant radio telescope here, it was revealed today.

The first attempt will be made during the autumn as soon as a new powerful transmitter being built at nearby Manchester University has been fitted to the telescope.

But it will be a difficult and costly experiment. Dr A. C. B. Lovell, professor of radio astronomy at the university, who is in charge of the telescope, says that it is about 10 million times harder getting an answer from Venus than from the moon.

The distances involved are immense: it is about 238,837 miles to the moon (two and a half seconds return by radio wave) but Venus never gets closer to earth than 25,760,000 miles.

What the scientists here want to do is to track Venus in much the same way as they shadowed the Soviet Sputniks, making detailed measurements of the planet's relation to the sun, to the other planets and to fixed stars throughout its orbit.

Eight-foot high, the new transmitter is designed to realise the dreams of scientists—and since fiction writers—over many years. Tracking Venus is only the first project in an exciting 20-year research programme.

"The telescope has been primarily designed to explore the outer reaches of the universe," Professor Lovell says.

It is going to be used like a physician's stethoscope, to diagnose faint whispers from the fringes of space—the "muscle of the spheres" of the medieval astronomers—which have been puzzling scientists the world over.

For there are "objects" in the universe, beyond the range of optical telescopes, which emit strange, intense radio waves.

Even after years of painstaking study only a few of these objects have been identified.

CRAB NEBULA

A few of them lie in the Milky Way system of stars of which the sun is a member, within what the astronomers of today call "local" reaches.

One of these strong yet invisible, sources of radio waves is the Crab Nebula, the gaseous remnant of a star which was seen to explode by Chinese astronomers over a thousand years ago.

Even today no one knows why these remain, and two others in the Milky Way, generate such strong radio emissions.

Most of these "radio stars" lie far beyond the Milky Way and it is only in recent years that reliable data has begun to be compiled on these phenomena.

One strong radio-wave source was recently ascribed to a collision of two vast spiral galaxies containing thousands of millions of stars.

But it was so long ago and far away that the light and radio waves have taken 200 million years to reach earth. It all happened nearly at the limit of the range of modern optical telescopes, but the scientists here confidently predict that their 250-foot diameter radio telescope will be able to penetrate much further into space and make discoveries bearing on the very origins of the universe.

Commenting on the future, Professor Lovell said: "Our programme is full of exciting possibilities."—China Mail Special.

Appeals In Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, Mar. 12. Arrangements have been made for appeals to the King of Malaya against Malayan Supreme Court decisions to be referred to the Privy Council in Britain.

A bill to this effect will be introduced at a sitting of the Malayan legislative council next week, and taken through all stages on certificate of urgency.—Reuter.

Farm Attacked

Beirut, Mar. 12. Raiders today dynamited a large farm at Homliri on the Syrian border, causing considerable damage. The terrorists escaped into Syria.—France-Press.

THE NEW "BISHOP" OF CANTON

Vatican City, Mar. 12. A Chinese dissident priest, Chan Yi-hsin, has been elected Bishop of Canton in succession to Monsignor Dominic Tang, who was arrested a month ago. Vatican radio said today.

The broadcast, which quoted a Chinese newspaper, said the election was held on March 5 by 24 other dissident priests, all members of the "Patriotic Catholic Association".

Chan, who was one of five candidates for the bishopric, later was installed and received the pastoral ring from a priest representing "the Church and the people".

Chan is the third bishop to be elected by dissident priests under the regime in China.—France-Press.

Gimo Warns Japanese Premier Peking's Flag In Trade Fair

Tokyo, Mar. 12. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek today warned Japan's Premier, Mr Nobusuke Kishi, that he would harm friendly relations with Formosa by allowing the Peking Delegation to fly their flag over a trade mission in Tokyo.

Mr Kishi told reporters tonight he had just received the warning in a personal cable.

Japan recognises Taipei but has concluded an unofficial \$70,000,000 trade pact with Peking.

Under the agreement a Peking trade mission is expected to establish itself in Tokyo. The question of whether the Communist flag should be hoisted over the mission has been hotly debated in Tokyo this week.

Peking is also to hold two trade fairs in Japan this year, it was announced today. One will open in Nagoya in September and the other in Fukuoka in November.—Reuter.

No Special Stamp For Fuchs

London, Mar. 12. Britain's Postmaster-General, Mr Ernest Marples, today rejected a suggestion in the House of Commons for the issue of a special stamp to commemorate the trans-Atlantic journey of Dr Vivian Fuchs.

Mr Marples said if the post office singled out every achievement, such as climbing Mount Everest or running a mile in four minutes, it would not know where to stop.

Answering further questions, he said the principle in deciding design was to retain the monarch's head as the basic feature, and occasionally to mark current events of outstanding significance and notably royal or postal anniversaries.—China Mail Special.

Survey On Death

EMPLOYERS & PROFESSIONAL MEN TOP LIST

London, Mar. 12. A GOVERNMENT report on death today revealed that professional men and employers suffer the heaviest burden of mortality. High death rates were also noted among publicans, hoteliers and barmen with drinks of the liver listed as one of the chief causes.

The survey, prepared by the Registrar-General, ranged over deaths among men aged between 20 and 64 in England and Wales during 1949-1953.

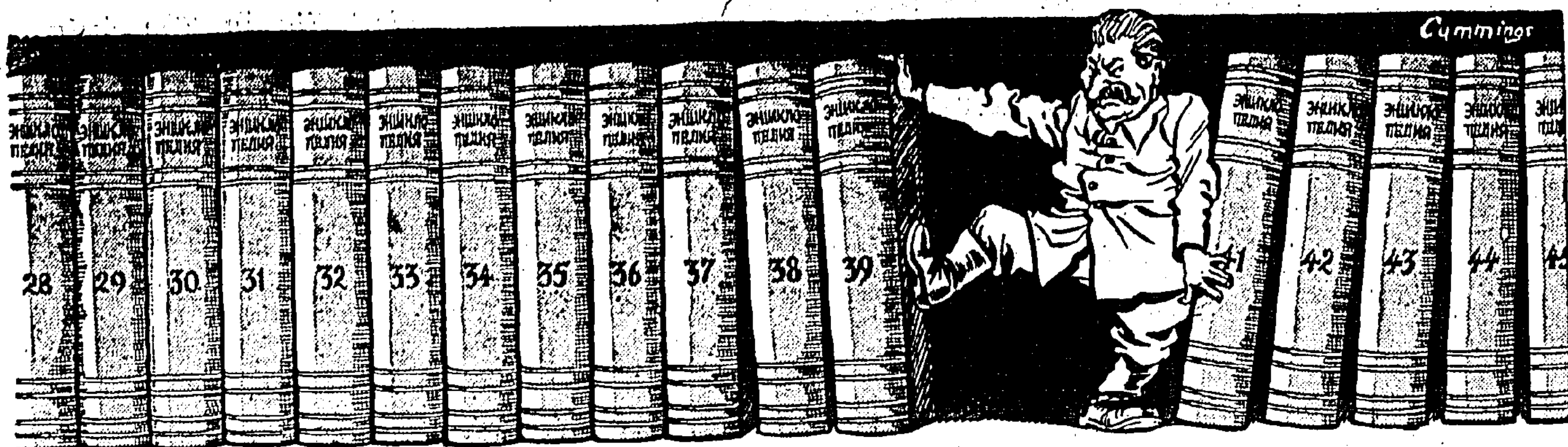
Suicide among men was commensurate in the professions and among the unskilled susceptible to coronary diseases, with Roman Catholic priests having even greater risks of heart ailments.

There was also a significant number of deaths from coronary disease and suicide among authors, journalists and publicists.

Bookmakers showed a high mortality from tuberculosis, lung cancer, hypertension, pneumonia, accidental ulcers, and suicide. There was an increased mortality from cancer of the lung, stomach and oesophagus among doctors, who also had a high death rate from tuberculosis.

Printers and book binders have an apparently high death rate from leukaemia for which it is difficult to suggest a cause," the report said.

But farmers and farm labourers generally had low mortality rates.—China Mail Special.



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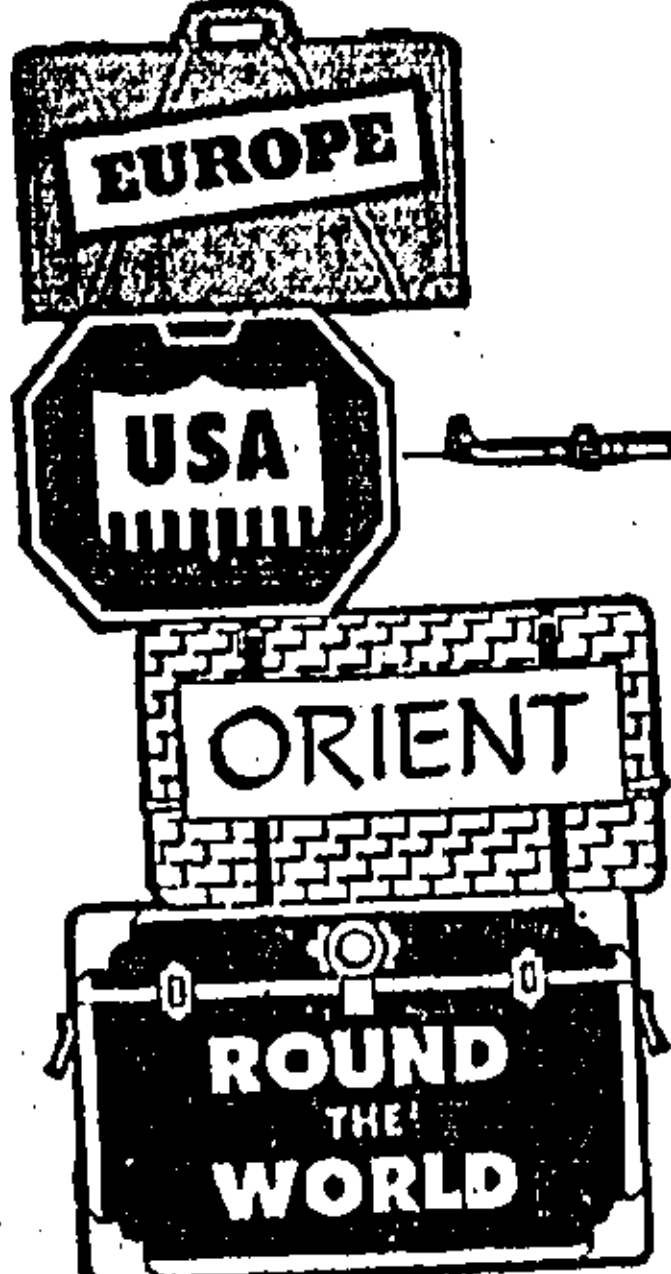
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THIS is one of the rarest sets of books in Britain... and one of the most terrifying. In 48 bulky volumes is unfolded the mind of a giant nation—the whole world as that nation's leaders think their people should see it. It is the Great Soviet Encyclopedia, a gospel of the many millions under Red Rule. Such is the importance of this work that the men who edit it—Communism's top brains—must submit every "hot" item for the approval of Khrushchev himself. Until now there has been one significant gap in the encyclopedia—Volume Forty, dealing with the letter S. And this includes Russia's "hottest" subject—Stalin. Volume Forty has just been published in Moscow—and the new official picture of Stalin, as "rethought" by Khrushchev, emerges for the first time. Whittled down to five pages and one picture, it is a "1984" reconstruction of history and an ironic epitaph to a once-gigantic figure. This is the first interpretation of it—

by **STEPHEN CONSTANT**

THE new Stalin is a character brilliantly balanced between his "mistakes" and "merits." Here is the picture:—

"STALIN, real name Joseph Vissarionovich Dzhugashvili, born December 21, 1879. Died March 5, 1953. Outstanding leader of the Russians and International Workers Movement, of the Soviet Communist Party, and of the Soviet State.

"An outstanding theoretician of Marxism-Leninism. Born in Gori in Tiflis, province of Georgia. His parents were cobbler. After primary education at a church school, Stalin entered the Tiflis Orthodox seminary in 1894."

So far so good. The early part of Stalin's life is given fairly factually with occasional blame and praise, particularly for Stalin's "big role in unifying the Party and unmasking the Trotskyists."

Gradually more and more subtle remarks creep into the text. It is important to remember that this article is the first full-scale attack on Stalin ever published in Russia, for Mr. K's famous de-Stalinisation speech has never been published there.

"Stalin violated the norms of Party life and the collective leadership worked out by Lenin. He was intolerant of anything that contradicted his own opinion. Stalin set himself in fact above all criticism."

'Defects'

THEN the encyclopedia quotes Lenin's famous letter accusing Stalin of being "rude, capricious, and showing lack of loyalty and consideration to his comrades." But "Stalin's promises to correct his defects were accepted in good faith and he was kept in his post."

After 1934 "Stalin, overestimating his own merits, started to believe that he was infallible."

Now the charges begin to pile in. "Stalin did much for the defence of the country in the fight against Fascism but on the eve of the great patriotic war he falsely estimated the international situation."

"He overestimated the Soviet-German non-aggression pact, he

ignored Intelligence reports about Nazi invasion preparations. He rejected all proposals as to the need to prepare for defence and alert troops in the frontier regions."

"This was one of the reasons why our forces in the West were caught by surprise... The units guarding the frontier fought heroically but they were not well enough prepared to repel the attacks and were forced to accept combat in circumstances completely unfavourable to them."

As a result of this Russia lost vast quantities of men and equipment, "resulting in a drastic change in the balance of the forces—in the enemy's favour."

'Mistakes'

BUT the war was won, after all, due to the efforts of the other members of the Party and Government.

"After the end of the war Stalin then took on his own wrong decisions on economic questions and ignored proposals made by members of the Central Committee. This hurt the economic development of the country, especially in agriculture. Serious errors were also made by Stalin in foreign policy (e.g., the rupture with Yugoslavia)."

"Stalin's errors in the latter period of his life have doubtless slowed up to a certain extent the development of the Soviet society, but they have not been able to halt them and they have not been able to change the nature of the Soviet regime."

After the mud-slinging, more white-washing:—

"Stalin for a long time occupied a leading position at the centre of the Central Committee. All his activities were linked with carrying out a great transformation of our country. The Communist Party and Soviet people remember Stalin and give him his due."

"His name is inseparable from those of Marx and Lenin and it would be a flagrant distortion of historic facts to extend the errors he committed during the later years of his life over all his activities for the Party and Government over many long years."

Thus Stalin is left, no longer on a pedestal but on the carefully stretched tightrope of history.

Others as viewed through red spectacles

FOR other Soviet leaders the tightrope has turned into a noose.

Look at the entry for **MOLOTOV**, purged by Khrushchev and now working in the most miserable post in the Soviet diplomatic service, as ambassador to Mongolia.

Molotov's biography in the encyclopedia appeared before his disgrace:—

"Molotov: one of the most prominent organisers and builders of the Communist Party and Soviet State... has deserved the burning love and respect of the Party and workers of the Soviet Union, etc."

Here is the supreme irony: right until Molotov's fall, the encyclopedia was published by the "Molotov Printing Works, Moscow." Immediately after Khrushchev struck, the printers—who appear in small letters at the end of each volume—changed to "Ministry of Culture Printing Works."

Now all good Communists are expected to cut out the offending Molotov biography from their encyclopedia. This happened after the fall of **BERIA**. Then subscribers were sent a special few substitute pages on—THE BERING SEA.

And Tito

WHAT about **TITO**, another ticklish subject? Here the encyclopedia makes full amends for Stalin's feud with the Yugoslav leader.

"Tito: Prominent Yugoslav political and State leader, one of the foremost figures in the International Labour Movement."

"In the post-war years the Yugoslav people, under the leadership of their party headed by Tito achieved considerable successes in the building of Socialism, etc."

Not a word about the Tito-Stalin row.

And that is the great value of the encyclopedia as a guide for the Communist mind. What is not mentioned in it must never be mentioned.

And what about **KHRUSHCHEV** himself? He gets the greatest compliment of all: "Faithful pupil of V. I. Lenin." The full-page picture which he chose for the encyclopedia is a clue to how he likes to see himself—sober, tough, shrewd and devious.

A man they are kind about

AND now, from the gloom and changing fortunes of Soviet power politics to one man who has always basked in the Kremlin's sunniest favours.

He is Dr Hewlett Johnson, the "Red Dean" of Canterbury. His entry says: "He is very popular with the workers of England and other countries. A prominent English progressive and social personality."

"He has written a great quantity of truthful books about the Soviet Union."

"He fights against vicious anti-Soviet slanders, spread by the imperialists and their underdogs."

Perhaps Dr Johnson, who gets 78 lines of text and a picture of himself, would like to look up the following, humbler, entry in

one of the last volumes of the encyclopedia.

It is only eight lines long, and reads:—

"**CHRIST**, Jesus Christ—mythical founder of Christianity, supposed to be born in the Palestine town of Bethlehem in the reign of the Roman Emperor Augustus. Preached a new religious creed in Judea, Galilee, and Samaria.

"Died on a Cross and then, according to Christian teaching, resurrected."

That is all.

Tomorrow What they say about Churchill

ROUND-UP

Geneva

THE straits of Dover will be closed to all foreign aircraft if the 25 nations meeting here to draw up new laws for the sea decide to extend territorial waters from there to 12 miles round a country's coast.

Britain, America and a number of other countries are strongly against widening the three-mile limit, but many other nations favour the proposal.

Canada to protect her fishing rights only, is asking for the new 12-mile limit.

"If Britain and France extended to the 12-miles limit each way there would be no room for aircraft to pass through the Straits of Dover without special permission," Sir Reginald Manningham-Buller, the British Attorney General, said in an interview.

"Ships have a right of innocent passage through a coastal state's territorial waters, but aircraft do not."

"The British government feels that the freedom of the seas is of tremendous importance. These issues may seem technical and legal in character, but their importance to the man in the street should be realised."

"If the three-mile limit is extended it would also seriously affect our fishing industry," said Sir Reginald. "It would cut down our catch by some 40 per cent."

Sir Reginald, as senior law officer of the Crown, is heading the British delegation of maritime lawyers, ship-owners, fishing industry leaders, government department and Seamen's Union officials at this nine-weeks' meeting.

The Attorney General agreed there was a danger that Britain and other big maritime nations might be out-voted on this important question by non-maritime states.

The Soviet bloc is not in favour of an international agreement to extend territorial waters.

ROME

ITALIAN police and the American FBI have smashed a drug-smuggling ring operating in Cairo, Genoa, New York and Athens.

Eight Egyptian sailors from the freighter Mohammed el Kohr have been arrested. Fourteen Italians, including four women who helped run the drug ring from a waterfront bar in Genoa, have also been arrested. One of the women, 36-year-old Angelina Tatò, bossed the Italian headquarters.

The drugs were smuggled first into Italy by highly-paid couriers. Then they were put aboard the Egyptian ship when she called at Genoa.

An FBI agent made friends with two of the crew and was asked to join in the smuggling.

Heroin, opium and hashish were among the drugs smuggled into America.

VIENNA

AT the 1956 shop stewards election of a large Austrian oil concern in Proter, Lower Austria, the Communists gained an unexpected majority. Now a 30-year-old woman secretary employed by the company has told the police how it was done.

The woman, who is on the small side, says she was forced to spend the night following the election hidden in a desk in the office where votes were kept for counting the next day.

During the night, she substituted 681 fake votes for regular votes. Next day she helped to count them.

When the Communists threatened her recently with violence unless she repeated the trick at the forthcoming election she went to the police.

Dusseldorf

GERMAN policemen will not wear Hitler awards on their uniforms—and not even the new medals authorised by the Federal Government. This was the unanimous decision of 94 delegates to the Police Officers' Trade Union Conference here this week.

"Many Germans are still opposed to the wearing of wartime medals," spokesman said. "If we wore them, it might hamper our work."

WEEKEND Friell



"The Depression sure is here! Even the President is only working part time!"



"If you are giving them any nuclear missiles, sir, make sure the range won't reach the U.S."



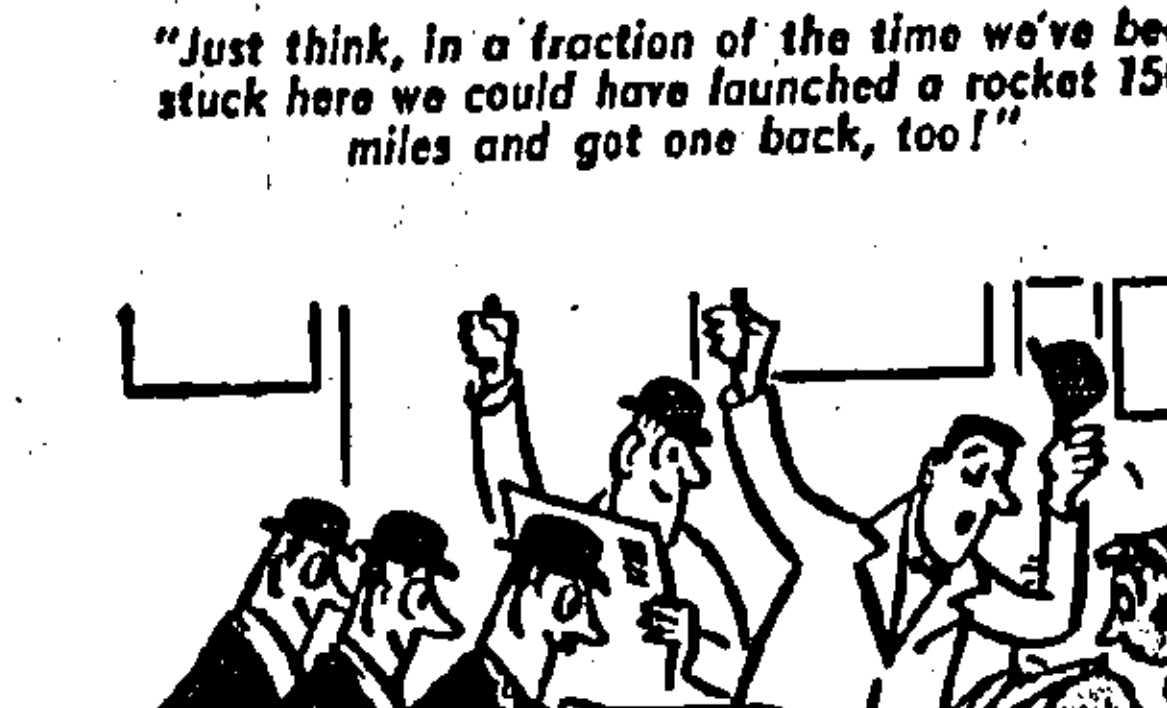
"My mum's always telling me my knees got shocking dirty, do yours?"



"We'd better watch that Committee. Remember, from a long term view we may need AID babies' votes in a future election."



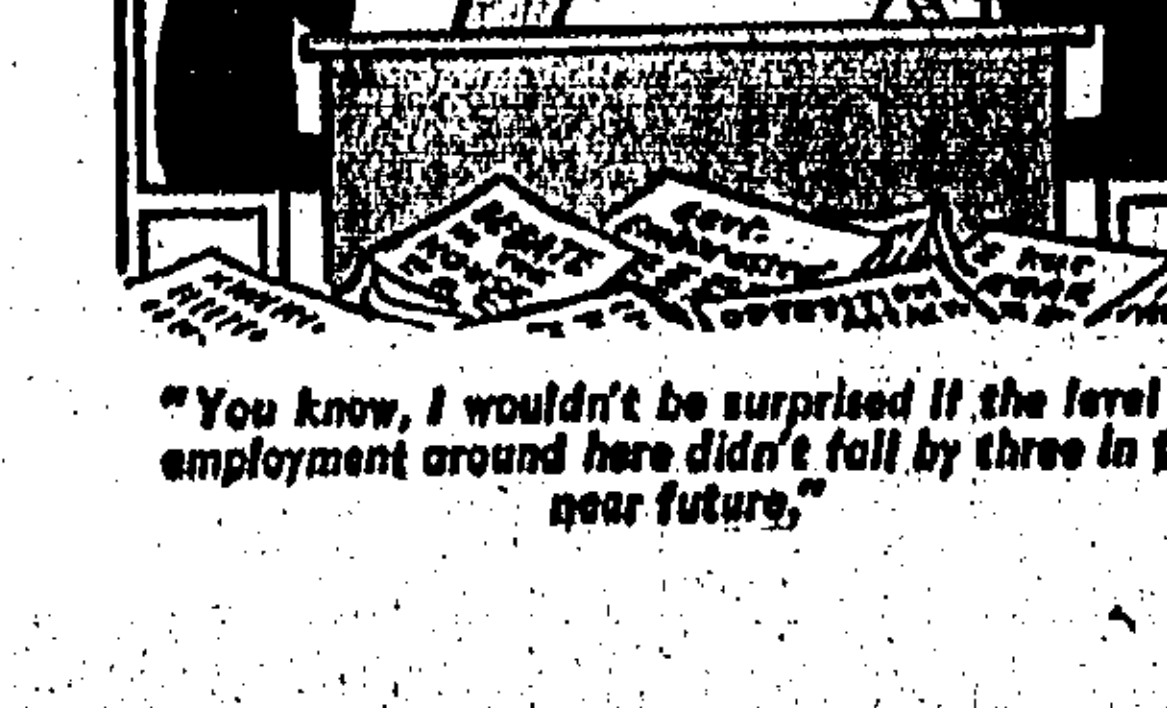
"Just think, in a fraction of the time we've been stuck here we could have launched a rocket 1500 miles and got one back, too!"



"Excuse me, miss, would you like to stand up?"



THREE WISE MEN COMMITTEE



"You know, I wouldn't be surprised if the level of employment around here didn't fall by three in the near future."

This Funny World

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

WHEN I suggested that the buildings on our rocket-ship should be thatched, to deceive inquisitive foreigners, I was only touching the fringe of the subject.

Since the rockets will stick up 60 feet or so into the air, it may be advisable to train ramblers round them. The road-sign trick must also be employed. A notice outside Cromer, pointing south-westwards, and saying: "To Aberdeen, eight miles," would be very mystifying. So would a dummy rocket sticking out of the chimney of a draper's shop in Sheffield. Where a considerable acreage is being cleared for a site, any suspicious-looking

person who asks, "What are they building here?" should be told: "A catmeat factory."

For the well-dressed man

IN an effort to make men's trousers more exciting, detachable turn-ups are being tried. The really smart fool will probably match the detachable turn-up with a detachable hat-brim, a tie worn down the back, shoes with no sides to them, a tiny round waistcoat ending just below the throat, an upside down sleeveless shirt with a wide collar buttoning round the waist, socks with no soles, which can be pulled up and worn as spats, and a vest which can be rolled into a ball and worn on the shoulder. With this outfit will go a shooting-umbrella, which can be cut on (like a shooting stick) in public baths or at boxing-matches.

Lit-tle Bo-Pest

"DAD-DY, if half a coun-try is des-troy-ed, mass re-tal-i-at-i-on is the ans-wei, is-n't it?"

"Yes, child."

"And is a sec-ond mass re-tal-i-at-i-on the ans-wei to the en-emy's coun-ter mass re-tal-i-at-i-on?"

"I expect so."

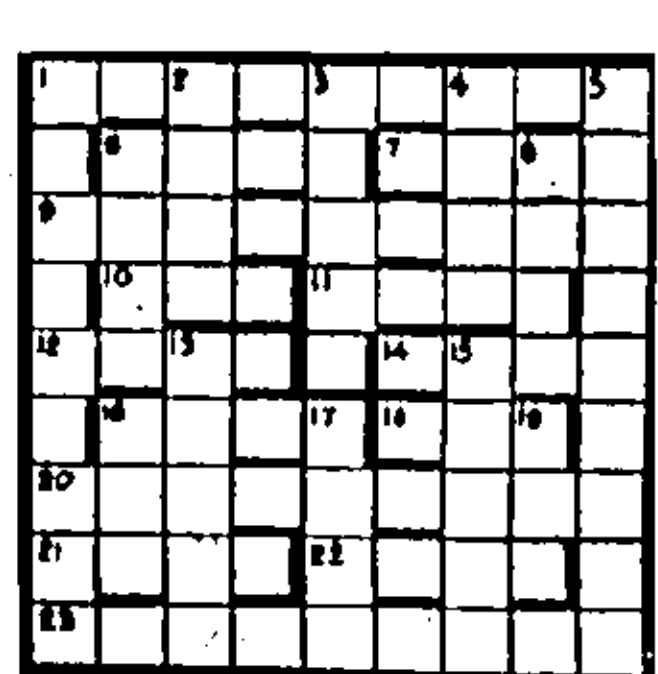
"And so on?"

"Oh, go to sleep!"

A preposterous idea

SIR GERALD BARRY, the music functor the tune "Pir-pi-pi," has always been sceptical about the idea of playing in a turnip-field to stimulate the growth of turnips. "The Indian violinist who played the violin to loughie, said Major Dildford, 'should try a trombone on his pectrood.' But Sir Gerald in his 'Portchawl' Memories," says flatly, "Nothing leads me to believe that flute-playing has less appreciable effect on the lower vegetables. I knew a sailor who played for hours to a row of radishes. He might as well have played to a head of celery."

CROSSWORD



1. Trial of abilities. (9)
2. Goes with ends. (4)
3. I.A.P. newcomer. (5)
4. Harmonious. (9)
5. I.A.P. newcomer. (3)
6. Famous show. (4)
7. Employed. (9)
8. Fair. (5)
9. Influencing. (9)
10. Part of speech. (4)
11. Monster. (4)
12. Partisan. (9)
13. Down
14. Supplying. (9)
15. German river. (4)
16. Flower. (8)
17. Hostess. (4)
18. Home-ick. (4)
19. Pest. (4)
20. Conscience. (4)
21. Debate. (5)
22. Spin. (6)
23. International initials. (3)
24. A.B.C. (4)
25. Single. (3)

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... BY STELLA

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

BORN today, you have an agile, ingenious mind. You men and women, however, appear to make varying use of your talents so that on the surface, you appear to differ widely. You men are interested in the more material aspects of life—science, the arts, philosophy and the social sciences. Quiet and reserved, you use your vast store of information to some good purpose. Since you have a talent for being able to speak well in public and are convincing in argument, you should do well as a defence attorney or in politics.

You women, on the other hand, have many of the same talents but are more eager to display them in social graces. You enjoy being the leader of your set. You make a charming hostess and like nothing better than to gather interesting and informed people around you. In another era, you would head an interesting salon where important

and interesting people would gather to hear themselves talk! Both you men and women are attracted to the opposite sex and seem to have a great fascination for them. You have many opportunities to wed but will not be one to commit yourself to matrimony easily. You enjoy being single too much. It is quite possible that you might never wed, never seeming to find anyone who measures up exactly to your ideal.

Among those born on this date were: Joseph Priestley, chemist; Joseph II of Germany; William Orr, inventor; and William F. Warren, educator, and Ernest Ingersoll, naturalist.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

PRICES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Bring all your talents to bear on a situation and reap the rewards of past and present efforts.

ANIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Make contact with those in power, officials perhaps, and see that you get proper recognition for work done.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—If you are progressive and aggressive in applying yourself to the task at hand you should achieve success.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Get down to business today. Terminate some major objective successfully and be ready to start out on something new.

CANCER (June 22-July 21)—You can improve employment status by originating some new idea which is practical and beneficial to the company.

LEO (July 22-Aug. 21)—You may need some additions to your spring wardrobe. This is a fine day for shopping. Follow the advertisements.

VIRGO (Aug. 22-Sept. 21)—Complete one job and make definite plans for the next one. Have blueprints carefully outlined, then follow them.

LIBRA (Sept. 22-Oct. 21)—This can prove to be an important day in your life. Combine business and social affairs for the best results.

SCORPIO (Oct. 22-Nov. 21)—Get set for some stormy weather ahead, but that which is accomplished today will go on the credit side.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—A good outlook for today. Don't be so busy on the job that you neglect romance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)—This is one of your best days so far this month. A real personal breakthrough. Make the most of it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)—Take stock of things. Weigh your assets against your liabilities. You'll probably come out ahead.

JACOBY
ON BRIDGE'Unusual' N.T.
Sparks Game

By OSWALD JACOBY

ONE of the modern gadgets the expert carries around in his bridge kit is the so-called unusual no-trump. When the opponents have bid two suits it asks partner to choose between the others and when the opponents have bid a major it asks him to choose between the minors.

North's two no-trump is a good example of this bid. With five cards in each minor suit he is willing to go to the three level against the major suit opening. With a better hand North might have jumped directly to three or even four no-trump. With a normal no-trump overall he would simply have bid one no-trump.

South had a pretty good hand for diamonds and jumped to four rather than a mere bid of

NORTH 21		EAST	
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WEST			
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South West North East		Pass 1 NT Pass	
Pass 5 Pass		Pass 5 Pass	
Pass 5 Pass		Pass 5 Pass	
Opening lead—K			

three. This encouraged North to go on to game. He could have had a weaker hand for his unusual no-trump.

There was no defence against the diamond game played by South. East could never get in to lead through South's king of spades and South was able to establish dummy's fifth club as a discard.

Without the unusual no-trump North would have overcalled with two diamonds. South would have raised him and they might have reached the diamond game. They might also have made it but East might have thought of a spade lead in which case they would have gone down one.

CARD GAME

Q—The bidding has been:
West North East South
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EXHIBITION SOCCER AT HALF SPEED

Charity Game Marred By Injuries To Key Men

By I. M. MacTAVISH

The good cause of charity coaxed a crowd of some 10,000 football fans to the Hongkong Stadium last night. The real bait, of course, was in the fact that these two teams are currently battling it out for the championship and are also due to meet in the Senior Shield Final in the very near future.

If the crowd hoped to get any reliable slant on the eventual destination of the Colony's top honours, they must have been sadly disappointed. It was mainly exhibition stuff played at half speed.

KMB triumphed by 5 goals to 3, but as far as South China were concerned the game merely served to emphasise how weak their reserve strength is at the present time. It also proved other things as far as the Champions are concerned, but I shall come to these in good time.

The less frilly Busmen deserved to win although I'm sure Ho Cheung-yau will be inspecting his usually reliable shooting boots for signs of the grime which he has rubbed in last night. Once he came dangerously close to incurring the wrath of the Urban Council authorities by almost chattering the crossbar with a real thunderbolt of a drive... and then just as though to prove it was no fluke he proceeded almost immediately to crash another tremendous shot against the post.

It certainly was not his lucky night, and just to add to the misery of it all he had to leave the field late in the second half when the referee caught sight of a nasty injury to the back of his head... the result of a crash of craniums in the air.

Serious Injury

His premature retirement merely made the side equal in manpower, for Lam Kam-tong—the KMB inside-left—had earlier been carried from the field on a stretcher after an apparently serious injury received in his own penalty area.

At one stage KMB were reduced to nine men for, while Lam Kam-tong was receiving attention, the Busmen not too upset by their depleted strength, launched a strong right wing attack.

The ball was lofted through to Ng Tim-loy, but as he raced to get it under control he was sent crashing to the ground by a late and in my opinion a thoughtless and ill-advised tackle by Luk O'-bay.

The South China left back had already been beaten by the speed of the KMB winger and he had no chance of getting the ball when he made the tackle from behind which resulted in Ng's unfortunate injury. Referee Pritchard was of necessity following the flight of the ball and in consequence he probably missed the actual moment of impact. Nevertheless he was obviously very worried about the whole thing and he had a long talk with one of his linesmen about it.

... incidentally, this was merely one of several incidents which marred the later stages of the game. It was a pity for there was much to admire in the polished, if panache, football which we saw earlier on.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The Public Enclosure at Happy Valley is being loaned to the Hong Kong Kennel Club for a Dog Show on Sunday 16th March, 1958. These premises will be closed to Members at 10 a.m. on Sunday. The Badminton Courts will be closed all Friday 14th, Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th March.

During the Show the Private Boxes, Dining Room, Bar and Ladies' Lounge will be open and reserved for the use of the Members of the Jockey Club.

The charges for admission are \$4.80 for adults and \$1.20 for Service personnel in uniform and children under 16. Entrance to the Show will be by the Public Entrance only.

Members of the Jockey Club, who wish to make use of the Club Rooms, must wear their Member's Badge, otherwise they will not be admitted thereto.

By Order,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

From a South China point of view this game once again rang a stern warning about their crumbling defence. Lau Chi-ping had another alarmingly poor showing. His mistakes led directly to two goals and he was very fortunate near the end when he missed his kick right in front of goal and saw Ng Tim-loy, who was holding on to the ball, smack the ball just wide of the post. Ho Chi-kwan was also shaky.

Strange Experience

The real eye-opener, however, was the pucier of Lau Kin-cheung's work between the posts. His indifferent and spiritless performance must have shaken those good folk who have been acclaiming him as the Colony's No. 1 goalkeeper. He was almost everything a top class goalie should not be, and had the strange experience of getting him in all sorts of self-created difficulties. His judgment was frequently at fault, he cleared carelessly, and he must accept the full blame for two of the goals scored against him. His effort was far removed from international class.

Kwok Chow-ming, deputising for Wai Fut-kim in the KMB goal, also had a most indifferent game.

Like his South China counterpart Kwok Kwong-leung (Chan Tai-hung), Tung Sum (Yeung Kwok-khi), Lau Tim, Leung Kik, Ng Tim-loy, Lau Chi-lam, Chow Siu-har, Lun Kam-tong, Lau Shiu-wah.

South China: Lau Kin-cheung; Lau Chi-ping, Luk Tak-hay; Ho Chi-kwan, Lu Chung-kong, Tung Shuang, Wong Chi-keung, Ho Cheung-yau, Lee Yuk-tak (Lee Tak-wai), Yiu Cheuk-yin, Mok Chun-wah.

Referee: G. H. Pritchard.

Protective Batting

Cap A Must For Ted Williams

Sarasota, Mar. 12. Baseball's most famous slugger, Ted Williams, will be required to wear a protective helmet when he bats with the rest of the American League players this season.

Opening Counter

The match got off to a lively start, and within nine minutes Chow Shui-hung put the Busmen ahead... but, strange as it seems, his effort was ill-timed... for he chose to head in the opening counter just as the 40 odd beautifully groomed Japanese ladies made their entrance. I'm sure quite a number of spectators when they eventually looked at the scoreboard and found the Busmen a goal to the good. Eyes were elsewhere when the ball went into the net.

Crafty Goal

Seven minutes after the interval he repeated his success and South China were 3-1 down. This really stirred the Caroline Hillers and Ho Cheung-yau showed his versatility by scoring with a crafty cannon. He cracked the ball against the post from where it rebounded on to Kwok Chow-ming's shoulder... and from there it rolled gently back into the net.

With only a single goal between the sides we now looked for a South China attacking campaign, but two minutes later Lau Chi-lam made it 4-2 to KMB with a goal that must have brought blushes to the cheeks of the South China defenders.

Midway through the half Yiu Cheuk-yin again pegged KMB back to a solitary goal lead, but just when it seemed as though the South China side might still save the game Ng Tim-loy again underlined the deficiencies of their Lau Yee—less defence to drive home KMB's fifth and final goal.

Verdict

Fair entertainment... with occasional flashes of brilliant individualism...and of course liberally punctuated with flashes of pure bad stuff. There were too many late injuries to

make it altogether a satisfying spectacle...but KMB deserved to win. Make no mistake about that, but don't try working out the season's honours on this result.

Full marks to Referee Pritchard for his sensible attire which did not clash with either set of colours. A pity the linesmen didn't follow his lead. An excellent pass from one South China player who mistook him for a colleague.

Watch Wong Chi-keung. "Little Tick" is going places provided he can keep to the same size in his already has a voracious Japanese Supporters Club.—!!!

The Teams

KMB: Kwok Chow-ming; Lo Pak, Lo Kwong-leung (Chan Tai-hung); Tung Sum (Yeung Kwok-khi), Lau Tim, Leung Kik, Ng Tim-loy, Lau Chi-lam, Chow Siu-har, Lun Kam-tong, Lau Shiu-wah.

Referee: G. H. Pritchard.

Amateur Wins

South African Open Golf Tourney

Bloomfontein, Mar. 12. Arthur Stewart, an amateur, won the South African Open Golf Championship here today.

Bobby Locke (South Africa), four times British Open Champion, was second, one stroke behind Stewart.

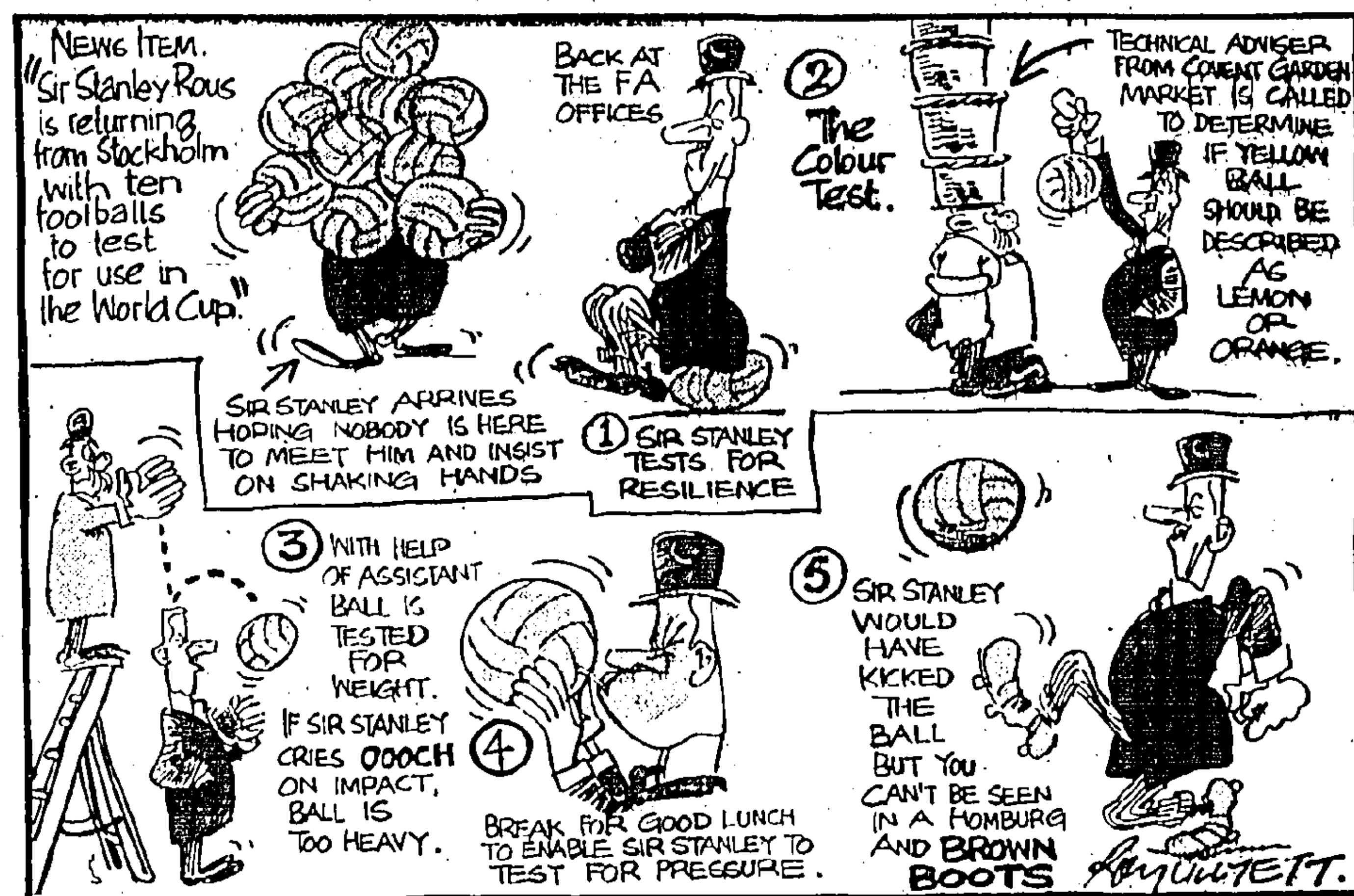
Stewart, 36-year-old mining engineer, finished with 281 (69-70-72-71).

Locke's 282 was comprised of rounds of 74-71-68-69. Gary Player (South Africa) was with 283 (70-71-69-74), after holding a one-stroke lead at 54 holes.

British Ryder cup player Ken Bousfield finished fourth on the 284 mark, after rounds of 70-71-75-68.

Only Happened Once

In the long history of the Football League only once has a match been postponed three times. It was the game between Bradford City and West Bromwich Albion in the 1920-21 season. Fog twice prevented a start, and the third time the cause was snow.



Kardar: Pakistan Needs Luck To Put Up Good Performance

Georgetown, Mar. 12. Pakistan skipper Abdul Kardar admitted today that his team's task in the fourth cricket Test against the West Indies which begins here tomorrow would be "most difficult".

He said: "Pakistan needs much luck to put up any good show, since our bowlers are now suffering from injuries."

Sheik Rahman, who was down here from Pakistan last Saturday as a relief bowler, was very impressive during his first practice today. He has not previously played for Pakistan.

The West Indies have already won two of the three Tests with one match drawn—France-Press.

Pakistan's Team

Pakistan's attack for the fourth Test against the West Indies, starting here today, is almost all spin.

Khan, Mohammad, who shared the opening attack with Fazal Mahmood in the third Test after Mahmood Hussain had torn a groin muscle, has been left out of the team announced yesterday.

Nasirul Ghani, who broke his thumb and was declared unfit for the rest of the tour, has been included following another X-ray showing satisfactory recovery.

There is a new cap in the side—S. F. Rehman, right-arm leg spinner.

The team is: A. H. Kardar (Captain), Fazal Mahmood, Imtiaz Hafiz Mohammad, Ali-Ul-Din, Saeed Ahmad, Wazir Mohammad, Walis Mahdin, Nasirul Ghani, A. Arani and S. F. Rehman—Reuter.

Billy Casper Wins First Prize In New Orleans Golf

New Orleans, Mar. 12. Billy Casper sank a 15-foot putt on the second hole of a "sudden death" playoff against Ken Venturi today to win first prize in the \$20,000 New Orleans Open Golf Tournament.

Casper and Venturi teed off in the rain and played the first hole even with a par four. But Casper sank an eagle putt for a three on the 477-yard second hole to win the tournament, his second big trophy of the year. They had finished regulation play yesterday tied at 278 strokes.—United Press.

Possibles Share Honours With Probables In Last Night's Trial Match

By "FAK LO"

Last night's trial game for the Colony side turned out to be a Selectors' nightmare for the Possibles drew with the Probables by 14 points (1 goal, 1 try, 2 penalty goals) to 14 points (1 goal, 2 tries, 1 penalty goal) in a fast and exciting match. Although both sides actually turned out with quite a few changes from the teams originally published, oddly enough the missing players were balanced by others in the same XV.

For example both Wyn and Muntz were not available, but Howe completely dominated the lineouts for the Probables with his wonderful jumping and catching while Hunter, deputising for Gilbertson in the Possibles XV, played an excellent game.

In fact a better game than I for one would expect to see from Gilbertson. The two full backs were changed with Hearn, the Possibles full back, taking Leppard's position, and Johnston coming in for the Probables. Johnston without question outplayed Hearn, and his tackling showed a marked improvement.

Goulds for the Probables was too slow off the mark, and Valentine was easily leaving him behind in the Probables. Johnston, while at first playing well, was not as effective as he had been in the previous game. The Probables XV also had the heavier pack but according to my tally of the scrums Cunningham came out slightly ahead, which proves that he must still be seriously considered for a place in the Colony XV.

A Final Trial

As a result of this the Selectors have decided to have a final trial on Monday, March 17 on the Club ground at 6.00 p.m. with two training periods, one on the Club ground on March 19 at 6.00 p.m. and the other at 4.00 p.m. on March 22 at the Army Boundary Street ground.

Quite how the Selectors are going to play a final trial next Monday at 7 p.m. is obviously in question, for the RAF, who are unable to play Club this week-end due to an exercise, have arranged to play the Club on the Club ground at 6.30 p.m. on March 17.

There has been some staff work by somebody over this question, but what I feel deserves more attention is the fact that the Colony side will NEVER play against another XV as a team until they meet the All-Blacks. How on earth the Selectors hope in two short training periods to teach a XV to play as a team I do not know.

Anyone who has had any connection with rugby knows only too well that these training periods, while fine for improving one's wind, surely something that is not needed at this late stage of the season, are useless for binding a team together as a unit.

Certainly the players can be instructed, but no amount of instruction, however good, will replace practice against another team. At the moment then the Colony XV will go into action against international players without having played a single game as a XV.

It is still not too late for the Selectors to change their ideas, and the fact that they have already shown themselves amenable to constructive suggestions shows that they only need to be shown the right path.

The one surprise of last night's game was Cunningham's success over O'Donnell, although playing with only seven men in the pack most of the game due to an injury. The Probables XV also had the heavier pack but according to my tally of the scrums Cunningham came out slightly ahead, which proves that he must still be seriously considered for a place in the Colony XV.

A Large Score

The Probables started with a burst that promised a large score when they attacked immediately and the ball moved across the three to Sharp who opened the game up nicely with a cross kick which sent the ball travelling back across the three to Green who scored in the corner. 3-0.

A few minutes later O'Kelly went blind from a scrum fifteen yards from the Possibles line and sent Sharp over in the corner. 6-0.

The Possibles came back into the game when a nice three move saw them gain ground and there was a scrum five yards from the Probables' line. The latter won but Penman was round fast to get the ball and score. Johnston converted. 6-5.

The Possibles maintained the pressure and went into the lead

when Johnston converted a penalty awarded for offside from about 25 yards out. 6-5. Just before half time the lead changed hands when O'Kelly converted a penalty from well out on the Possibles' 25 to make it 9-5.

Second Half

The Probables again started the second half as if they meant business but got tackled by Hunter and Valentine stopped them, and Penman started a good move which took the Possibles to within five yards of the Probables' line.

The Probables held them, but a penalty awarded to the Possibles about 35 yards out gave Johnston another chance which he made full use of to put the Possibles once more into the lead by 11-5.

Now the Possibles were really on the attack and Inglis went away and with Johnston outside him passed out. Johnston tore down the line for a lovely try in the corner but just failed to convert his own try. 14-5. Now it was the turn of the Probables and they attacked steadily, and at last were awarded a five yard scrum Robertson, getting the ball back quickly, went away on the blind side to send Green over in the corner. No conversion 14-14.

To date it is reported that 25 sevens have been entered in the Blarney Stone Knockout competition, but it is also reported that some of the Sevens have still to forward their entrance fees and Mr Kivert is awaiting said fees hopefully.

ENGLISH OPEN TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Budapest, Mar. 12. Zoltan Bereczk and Miss Eva Koczian, Hungarian winners of the European table tennis singles title last week, will compete in the English Open Championships in London from March 24-29.

Other Hungarian players taking part will be Ferenc Szo, Elemér Gyevai and Miss Livia Mosozsy.—China Mail Special.

MY TIP TO ALICK JEFFREY

by STANLEY MATTHEWS

It is great news that Alick Jeffrey has played again in a practice match and that a specialist has said he can start full training right away.

For 16 months the 19-year old Young England and Doncaster inside right has been fighting to come back.

The right leg he broke in the match against France in October, 1955, has been slow to heal, but Alick has never wavered in the belief that he would be able to play in League football again.

"He still has a slight limp," says Doncaster's joint manager, Jack Hodgson, "but his progress has speeded up during the past few weeks."

Jeffrey, who weighed about 12st. 6lb. before his accident, is now a stone heavier, but Hodgson is sure that he can lose this when he gets down to regular routine training.

INSPIRING

Does Jeffrey miss the inspiring influence of Peter Doherty, the former Doncaster manager, now the Bristol City boss? I know Peter did a great deal for Jeffrey when the outlook seemed bleak, but everyone at Doncaster has played a part in encouraging the boy in his recovery.

Doherty has written to Doncaster asking about Jeffrey's progress. Peter, I know, would like him to join Bristol City when he is fit.

"I always have been sure Alick would make a complete recovery," he told me. "The problem was to avoid a premature return. He is young enough to walk—even for another six months."

Good luck, Alick. Don't worry if you can't make it this season. I hope to see you in the headlines—as a top player—next season.

Spud Tamson Wins National Hunt Steeplechase

Cheltenham, Mar. 12. Seven-year-old pointer Spud Tamson, ridden by Mr George Dun, won the National Hunt Steeplechase, known as "The Amateur Riders' Grand National," at the meeting here today.

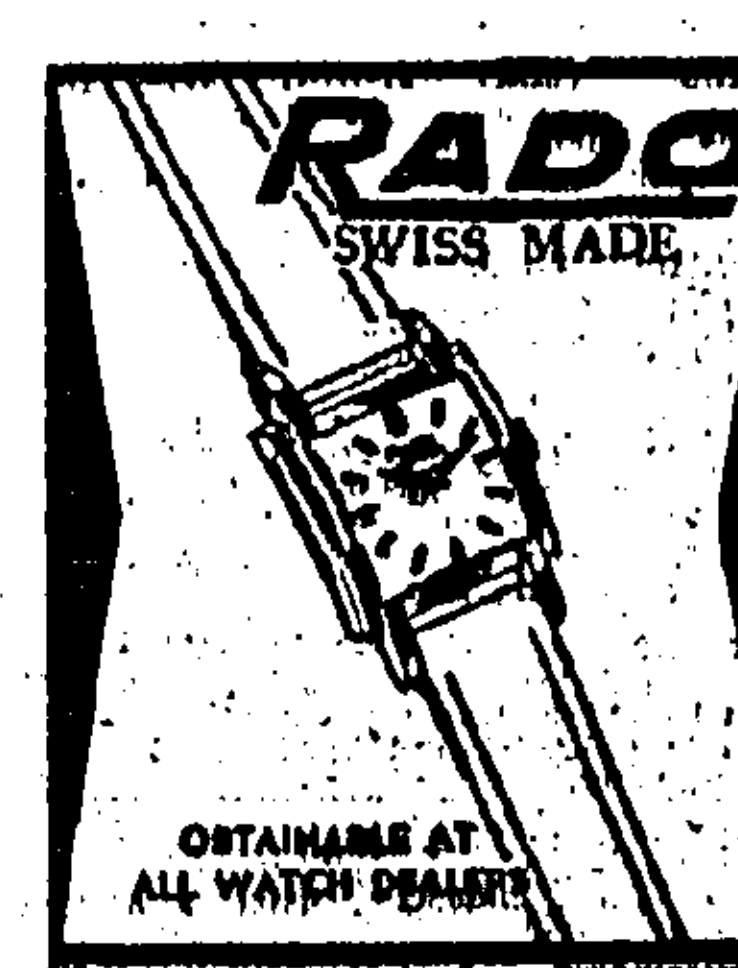
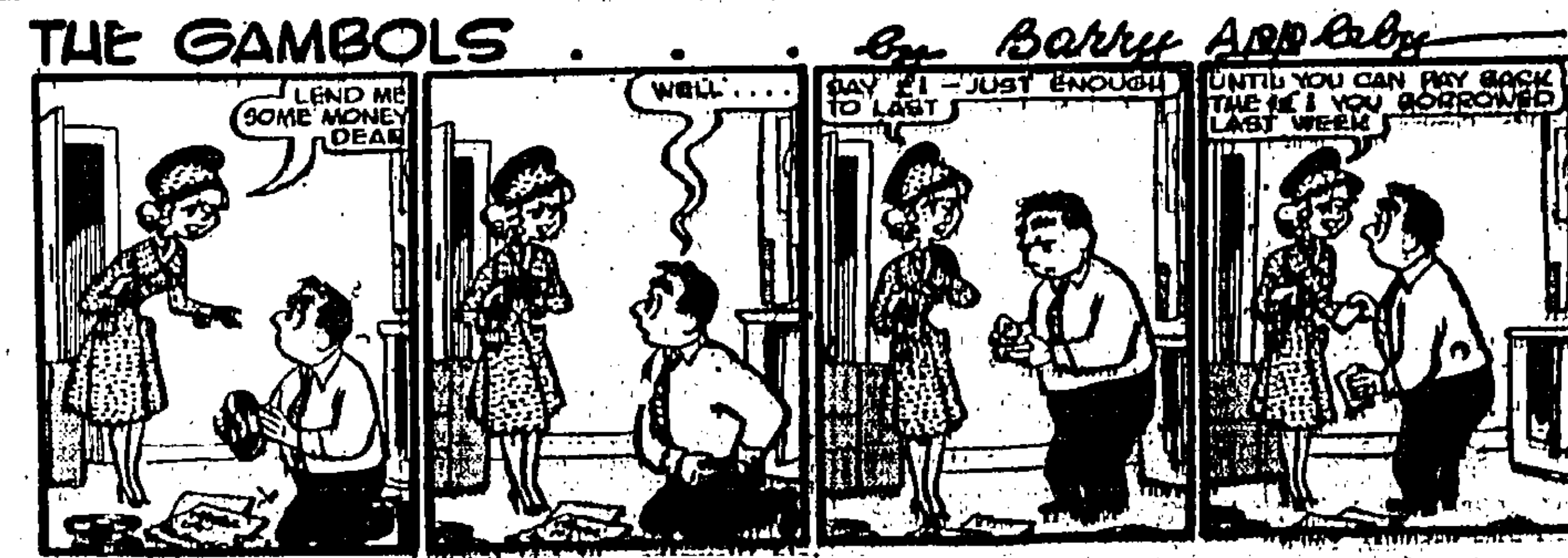
Spud Tamson, who started off 13-2, took the lead from pace-maker Jumara at the last fence and ran on strongly to win the three miles six furlongs 100 yards race comfortably. He finished ten lengths ahead of his nearest rival, the 25-1 outsider Kolpmann, with Landshiro Lano (100-8) three lengths further behind, third of the 28 runners.

The race was run in a blinding snowstorm.—Reuter.

ICE HOCKEY

Basle, Mar. 12. Whitty Dunlop, Canada's World Champion ice hockey team, beat Switzerland 6-3 here tonight. Perfor scores were 2-1, 4-1, 2-1.

The Canadians beat Switzerland 14-1 at Zurich yesterday.—Reuter.



DESMOND HACKETT'S COLUMN THEY WON'T FOOL FOREMAN MURPHY

London. Jimmy Murphy was the eternal, inspired backroom-boy, the superb supporting cast to the football factory they call Manchester United. That was all 46-year-old Jimmy Murphy wanted to be, just the foreman at the football factory. He was the man in the track suit. He turned boys into soccer men.

Jimmy Murphy had no time for the posed pleasantries and diplomacy of the board room, but now, as the man who salvaged the wreckage of a shattered team and moulded them into defiant unbeatable, he has to appear in what he calls "the drawing room."

He endures the back-slaps and the hearty handshakes that are part of the parade of success, but this forthright man Murphy almost hisses as an aside: "Yes, and they would be the first to turn their backs if you stopped." That is Murphy the realist. Murphy, the Welshman with an Irish name and an Irish fighting fury to match.

When West Bromwich were beaten, Jimmy Murphy almost snarled: "That will teach people (meaning West Bromwich manager Vic Buckingham) to talk about seven or eight goals. That will show them not to go about predicting."

His Fierce Joy

Man-of-the-moment Murphy had taken the comment as a personal insult to his team, and that team is his life and his fierce joy.

It was Jimmy Murphy who stored up the treasury of talent that is keeping Manchester United on the glory way. His chief and his friend, Matt Busby, relied upon Jimmy. Murphy said "Sign" then a player was signed. And he watched his nursery of soccer stars with a mother's devotion and a sergeant major's discipline. After all, he was wartime Sergeant Murphy of the Royal Artillery. He can stick out his jaw and thump his massive fist into a hefty palm and insist:—

"If you play for Manchester United you NEVER shirk a tackle."

"You ALWAYS chase a loose ball."

"No game is EVER considered lost. Get it? And never forget it."

When Murphy was compelled to buy ready-made talent to mend the broken team he bought

Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess.
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail,
My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into account his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is:

of the Club.

(Signed)

Sports Diary

TODAY

Athletics
Queen's College Annual Athletics.
Caroline Hill, noon.

TOMORROW

Athletics
US Far Eastern Air Force v
HKAAA (SCA) Stadium 7.30 p.m.
Heats of HK Olympic Games
at Army Ground, Boundary St.

Badminton
Finals of Colony Junior Cham-
pionship Ladies Doubles, Men's
Doubles and Mixed Doubles at CCC
commencing 7.30 p.m.

Football
Chinese P.A. Council Meeting,
Sports Road 9 p.m.

Russian Woman Regains World Chess Title

Moscow, Mar. 12.
Elizabeth Bykova today re-
gained her Women's World
Chess Championship title by
defeating the holder, Olga
Rubtsova, Tass news agency
reported.

Bykova of the Soviet Union
won the world women's chess
title for the first time in 1953
when she beat her compatriot
Ludmila Rudenko by 8-0. In
1955, she lost her title to an-
other Russian woman, Rubtsova,
but today she regained her title
from the same opponent.
—France-Press.

ANOTHER DON BRADMAN? For Australian Sports Fans O'Neill Is A New Breath Of Life

By RICHARD VOUMARD

Sydney.

Is 21-year-old Norman O'Neill (1005 in 14 innings) a new Bradman?

The critics will have it, and the facts seem to support it. The furor over his job and the state for which he will play next season have a touch of the pomp and splendour of the Don.

For Australian sports fans, who watch with dismay the annual export of tennis stars to the US professional round, who wave goodbye to swimmers off to snatch an American education, and whose cricketers have been sadly in the doldrums, O'Neill is a new breath of life. A new idol—the major necessity of Aussie sports arenas—has arrived.

O'Neill has already achieved a distinction grown rare these lean cricketing years—he's brimmed over the sports pages onto the front pages.

While the garrulous tabloids hail O'Neill as the "New Bradman" ("Another boy-from-Bowral" (Bradman's home town), and "a new model run-getting machine," more cautious observers want to see more.

Some observers remember another year, another double century on which the then 17-year-old Ian Craig swept overnight to dizzy Test ranks. Craig ended up 60 in as many minutes in his first Test against the South Africans, then spent two bleak bitter seasons (one of them in England) trying to figure out where he lost confidence. Don't let it happen to O'Neill, say the cautious ones.

But O'Neill's stroke play, his confidence, and his record justify lavish praise.

In his first full season of Sheffield Shield cricket, the St. George club youngster (born Feb. 19, 1937) played 14 innings, highest score 233, total 1005 for an average of 83.7.

His Record

His record for NSW this season reads:
Vs Queensland 4, 11.
Vs West. Aust. 33, 46no
Vs West Aust. 50, 55.
Vs South Aust. 114—
Vs Victoria 11, 173.
Vs Queensland 74, 49.
Vs South Aust. 125, 23no
Vs Victoria 233 —

The feat of 1000 runs in an Australian season is comparable to 1000 in May, in county cricket. The honour has fallen to only two others: Bill Ponsford (twice) and Bradman (many times).

Bradman holds the highest tally for an Australian season, scoring 1039 runs in 1938/39, but the English touring team gave him added opportunities.

Bradman was the most recent performer of the feat, in 1938-40, with 10 innings for 1062, for South Australia.

Best effort since the war before O'Neill's onslaught, was Arthur Morris's 13 innings for 658 in 1948-49.

O'Neill swept past his 1000 runs at the Sydney cricket ground on January 23, when he studied, played, dissected, and then murdered the Victorian attack to the tune of 233 in 244 minutes (38 fours).

The critics, the crowd, the selectors, and his team-mates went wild. The following day, downcast Victorian bowlers John Edwards and John Salmon watched the Australian tennis titles in an attempt to forget their woes—and their aching backs. "Just don't mention his name," moaned Salmon. "It gives me more blisters."

O'Neill employs delicate cuts, flashing drives, and confident onside play for most of his runs. His confidence may be assessed by the fact that instead of becoming careful when a century comes in sight, he leaps towards it with relish. Against Victoria, he jumped from 83 to 100 with five successive balls—4, 4, 4, 4, 1.

A Necessity

But even while the wizard was winking elated from the wickets, that afternoon, O'Neill struggled with the problem which harasses many first class cricketers in Australia.—Professional cricket, as such, does not exist. A benevolent employer becomes as much a necessity to the constantly travelling Shield players, as bat and gloves.

In search of suitable employment to allow him playing time, O'Neill announced he would transfer from Sydney to Adelaide, and offer his services to the South Australian team. Bradman had done the same thing, 20 years before, and NSW lost thousands of pounds in potential gate receipts. With O'Neill's announcement, NSW stood to lose the greatest draw-card since Keith Miller, and one who could develop on the magnetic lines of a Bradman.

NSW sportswriters, the most caustic in Australia, rubbed their hands, unscrewed their vitriol bottles, and filled their pens.

For days the controversy raged furiously. NSW Cricket Association president Syd Smith: "We are naturally sorry O'Neill is going. It is very difficult to get people to provide suitable positions for cricketers. The NSW association has no means of providing positions for anybody."

One writer ironically remarked "It all adds up to the fact the NSWCA is not an employment agency."

"The association is doing nothing to keep him here," the critics charged. The administration was accused of laxity, indifference, short-sightedness, and ineptitude.

Central Figure

The central figure, with his wedding date set and anxious for the future, admitted "I'm all mixed up."

Offers of jobs began to roll in. Rumours and reports of "mystery offers" flooded the sports pages.

Jim Mathers, most caustic of all Australian sports writers, described claims by employers that they wanted to keep O'Neill in NSW "for cricket's sake" as "moonshine."

"The fantastic offers being made to O'Neill arise from the hope that his cricket entertain-ment value will help sell cigarettes, matches, sardines, and toothpaste," Mathers cracked.

Some offers were said to be in the region of £100 per week. Finally, newspaper posters and banners rejoiced. "O'Neill will stay here," in headlines normally reserved for moments of national crisis.

The general manager of Rothman's (Aust) Ltd, Mr D.V. Enghel, formally announced: "O'Neill has been engaged on a ten-year contract. His salary is not extravagant, as has been said. He can play in any state he likes. If he wishes he can give up cricket altogether. We do not propose to use O'Neill as an advertising gimmick in any form whatsoever. We believe he has the quality to become an executive in a fairly short while, depending on his studies, and his application to his job."

O'Neill, waiting no time before starting his new job, which will deal with all phases of the tobacco industry, described his feelings as "very relieved."

Finance Gwen Wallace (now Mrs O'Neill) said she was "glad it's all over. It has been exciting but worrying."

Crickets association president Syd Smith gave English cricketers some food for thought:

"I'm glad Norm decided to stay. I hope to see him play for Australia before the end of the year."

JIM LAKER SAYS

Amateurs Make More Money Than Professionals

London, Mar. 12.
Jim Laker, Surrey and England professional off-spin bowler, criticised the MCC special committee's report on amateurs at a Cricket Society meeting in London tonight.

"A cricketer who cannot afford to play as an amateur either should not play or should become a professional," said Laker.

Commenting on "broken time" payments for amateurs on tour, Laker said: "This is the biggest lot of nonsense I have heard. The general public does not realise that an amateur can make more money 'on the side' than a professional."

A. C. D. Ingleby-Mackenzie, the Hampshire amateur left-hand batsman, said: "I think the term 'cricketers' for all players is the easiest way out of the whole affair." —France-Press.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



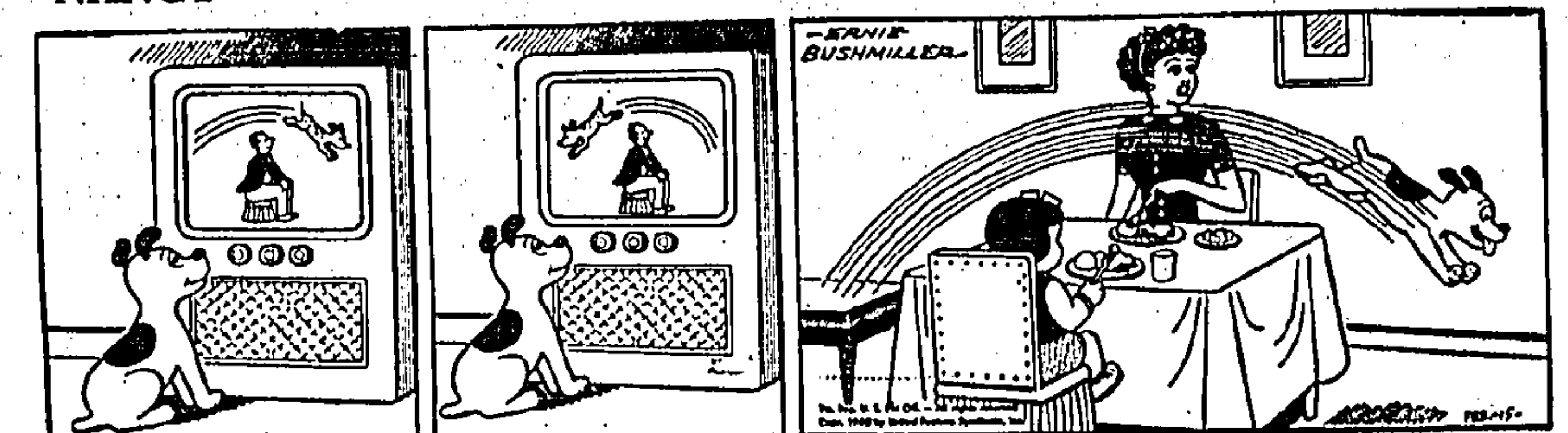
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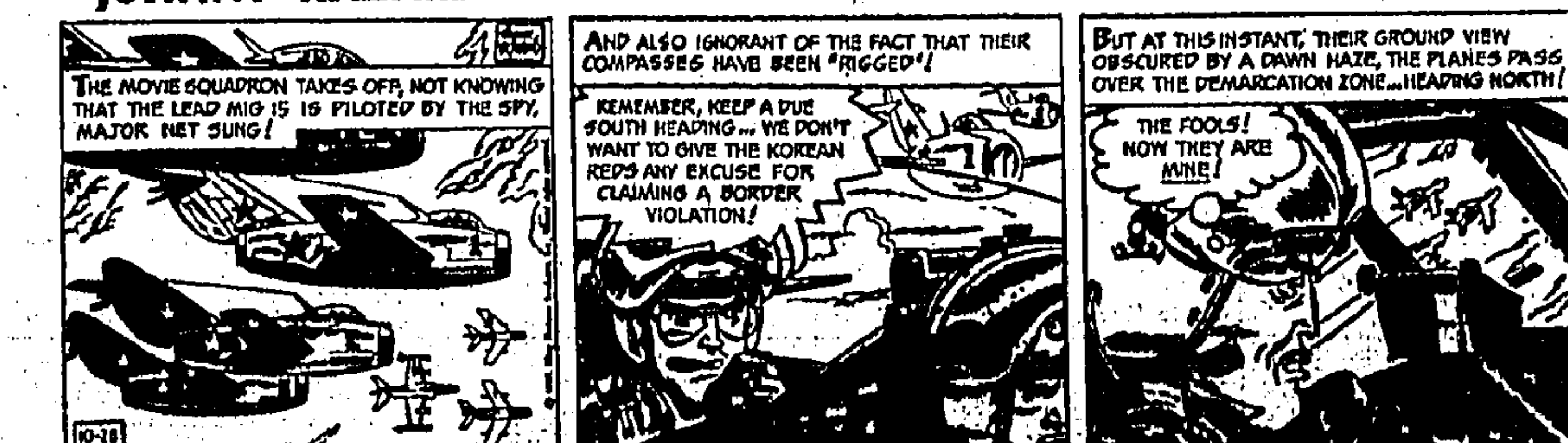
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IMPRESSIONS OF CHINA

(Continued from Page 3)

Wall cartoons have the same
theme: a two-faced, John
Bull, astride a snarling ox over
whom looms a Chinese stealer,
chaser on a magnificent horse,
or the Russian and Chinese
athletes outstripping in in-
dividual races a fat, bearded
American with cigars
drooping round his running kit
and a barrel-waisted English-
man in a top hat and a garish-
ly-checked tweed running vest.

Everywhere the zeal for
building the new China is pro-
pogated. Giant billboards por-
tray the features of "model work-
ers" who have excelled at their
jobs—Sung Tu-chien, a bridge
worker with 500 rivets a day in
his credit, or Tan Yu-hou, a
successful pig farmer with an
all-China record for not losing
pigs. Others list local fac-
tories and their production re-
cords.

Schools can explain from
Alexandria, Dumbartonshire,
who was staying at the same
hotel at Canton told me that
never in all the ports of the world
had he seen 7,000 ton general cargo
unloaded as quickly as that
week in Shanghai. Working day
and night in relays, the dockers
did it in slightly less than one-
third of the fastest turn-around
he had ever known.

He added: "The Shanghai
Club is now the finest interna-
tional seamen's club in the
world with every recreational
facility, Scotch whisky and
soda at a shilling, a large
cigar and beer and cigar-
ettes correspondingly cheap.
But captains from the West
find it hard for discipline to
be grouped in a class-
room with their own crews
for eating and movie shows."

In a turbine factory which I
visited near Shanghai a drum
beat at noon and bells rang
while workers dashed to hear
the latest production statistics.
They greeted them with excited
cheers as though they were
football results.

The factory works three
eight-hour shifts, with free
meals for night workers. Most
city factory workers appear to
have an average income of
about \$2.40 a month, al-
though the national average for
China is more like that a year,
the peasant of course, living in
the main off his land.

Increase

The factory manager, a
Shanghai University graduate,
told me that in five years the
staff had increased from 350 to
4,000. There are concerns on the
premises and communal apart-
ments for workers and their
families. All workers, he
said, go sickness benefits and
could retire at 60 with 70 per
cent of their wages provided
they had been in the job for 15
years.

Around the factory wall,
mingled with the other posters,
are trade union instructions in-
cluding five points which are
everywhere hammered home:
no late-coming; no leaving
early; no absenteeism; obey
directions; observe labour dis-
cipline.

In all offices and factories I
visited there were wall boards
for every group of workers
showing at a glance by colour-
ed flags or other symbols out-
put, attendance and freedom
from error. In a newspaper
office black flags symbolised po-
litical mistakes. Against one
name there were two black
flags.

Trade Unions

Chung Ming, Chairman of the
Shanghai Trade Union Coun-
cil, told me that there are 16
million trade union members in
China. In any plant or factory
there was only one trade union,
Dues are paid in by the mem-
bers themselves and amount to
about 1.6 per cent of a man's
salary, which he might be pay-
ing about 13c 4d a month for a
three-room flat. Union mem-
bership is said to be optional
but there appear to be few
objectioners.

Alarm Clock

Chung Ming said many troubles
were met by the workers
themselves. One man was
habitually late for work. Solu-
tion: all chip in and buy him
an alarm clock. Another was
depressed and had a bad
wife trouble. Fellow workers
reconciled them and "the man
is now a model worker."

This criticism is a vital part
of the much publicised
"rectification" campaign aimed
at increasing efficiency and, in-
cidentally, exposing those who
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until they are classified by local
officials and, if necessary, passed
on for higher action.

"Before the current campaign
rectification was carried on
only within the Communist
Party. Now it is widespread
throughout the nation," a high
official told me.

"If, after six months, this
campaign is successful, it may
be repeated on a smaller scale
every day. This must be
done regularly. Rectification
will invigorate our people and
give them confidence in what
they are creating."—Reuters.

**CHILEAN
MOUNTAIN
CLIMBED**

Santiago, Mar. 12.

A combined Japanese and
Chilean mountaineering
expedition to the Pata-
gonian Andes has con-
quered the formidable
Mount Arenales, in the
province of Aysen in the
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Japanese Embassy here.

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and working of tribunals other
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This is provided for in a
bill published today.—China Mail
Special.

"The trade unions are or-
ganised to enable the workers
to accomplish the state plans
and observe the laws promul-
gated by the state," Chung Ming
said.

"A function of the trade
union is to ensure that the ex-
ecutives of all enterprises carry
out the State plans fully and
discharge all tasks that have
been set.

"When individual executives
violate the State laws and so
harm the interests of the State,
the trade union is responsible
for protecting the interests of
the working class by interven-
tion."

"There is a democratic system
in all factories enabling work-
ers' councils to discuss plans for
the enterprise together with the
executives and express their
opinions. Where executives
make mistakes or have obvious
shortcomings the workers are at
liberty to criticise through meet-
ings and wall newspapers."

Frankly

"The management has to an-
swer openly and frankly all
these criticisms and to make
self-criticism before the workers.
Where mistakes are serious and
there is no attempt to eradicate
them, the workers' council must
decide to recommend that the
executive should be removed."

"Workers' council meetings
guarantee that the State plans
will be observed, and as these
meetings are held frequently
there is little likelihood of
management violating trust
without being discovered."

Trade union officials them-
selves are open to the "self-
criticism and discipline" which
in China's words are the
workhorses of trade unionism
in China."

"We are criticised as officials
for not making a sufficiently
efficient organization for the
workers to achieve full produc-
tion, and for a tendency not to
go to factories and spend time
with the workers, and indeed
work there," he said. "Now all
the officials in the trade union
movement spend at least one
day a week working on the
benches in factories with the
workers."

Another time the workers
were given tea to drink at their
meetings, whereas the workers
only got hot water. Now every-
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Puerto Rico's

Public Works

Programme

San Juan.

A dollar public works

programme of highway

construction, express-
ways, schools and medi-
cal facilities is under
way in Puerto Rico,
where a total of 413 pro-
jects were completed
during the last fiscal
year.

Road building, which in-
cludes projects finished, under
construction and pending, ac-
counts for more than \$51,000,000
of the total of more than
\$85,000,000 being spent on public
works in 1957.

The ultra-modern system of
interchanges and ex-
pressways which will eventually
provide easy access to all parts
of Metropolitan San Juan.

HEAVY TRAFFIC

Avenda Norte will run from
San Juan International airport,
on the outskirts of the city,
through areas of heavy traffic
to the bridges leading into Old
San Juan. The first part, from
the airport to within the city
limits, is finished and con-
struction of the fourth and
final section will begin in
March this year.

When this expressway is
completed it will provide a fast
route to the airport and rapid
communication with surround-
ing districts.

The building construction
programme has been planned,
in most cases, up to 1964. This
will include 31 court houses,
and the enlargement and im-
provement of four existing
buildings. The programme will
be initiated with the construc-
tion of a court building.

For Puerto Rico's second
largest city, at a cost of \$450,000,
it is expected that the pro-
gramme will be completed by
1963.

In the current fiscal year, the
Commonwealth Legislature ap-
propriated \$2,000,000 for the
construction of 331 classrooms
throughout Puerto Rico, and
the next regular session of the
Legislature is expected to make
an appropriation to build 900
additional classrooms. — China
Mail Special.

From DAVID GORDON

LETTER FROM JAPAN

Tokyo (By Airmail).

AMONG the things

most commented

upon by visitors to

Japan are the speed with

which war-damaged

cities have been rebuilt,

the large modern rein-
forced concrete buildings
that have replaced the
rubble and the extensive
subway and other de-
velopment that is still
going on.

Even in atom-bombarded
Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the
only sign of war damage is the
skeleton of a building purposely
left as a grim reminder of the
horrors of war.

Today (March 9), another
triumph for Japanese engineers
is being celebrated with the
formal opening of what is
claimed to be the second-
longest undersea tunnel in the
world. Linking Shimonsaki at
the western end of Honshu with
Moji on the northern tip of
Kyushu, the tunnel is 13,245
feet long, ranking second to the
10,044-foot Mersey Tunnel, in
Britain, according to published
figures. The undersea section,
however, is only 2,575 feet long.

Rejected

A two-decker affair, for road
transport, with vehicles
travelling on the upper deck
and pedestrians below, the
tunnel was rejected in favour
of a suspension bridge. The
bridge idea was quashed,
in turn, by the Imperial Navy

with the edict: "Japanese war-
ships bear the Imperial Crest,
and it is absolutely out of the
question that anyone should
look down from a bridge upon
the Crest."

A start was finally made on
the tunnel in 1939, but work
was stopped during the war.
Its completion is expected to
have a big influence on the ex-
pansion of neighbouring in-
dustrial areas, by relieving
traffic congestion between the
two islands and effecting big
savings in transport costs.

Special buses, the biggest ever
built in Japan, will carry pas-
sengers through it. Tolls have
been fixed at ¥1,400 for buses,
¥100 for trucks and cars, ¥30
for bicycles, ¥10 for adult and
¥5 for minor pedestrians, and
are expected to cover the es-
timated ¥7,500 million cost in
about 20 years.

While this achievement was
widely hailed, planners in the
field of air transport facilities
were being criticised strongly
for their apparent lackadaisical
approach to the problem of
providing Japan's aerial gate-
way at Haneda, Tokyo, with an
adequate runway and other
facilities needed to handle inter-
continental jet airliners.

It was pointed out that such
jetliners are scheduled to go
into service next year, but
under present plans, Japan will
not have a suitable runway for
them until early in 1961—a time
that coincides with the sched-
uled start of jet services by
Japan Air Lines. In contrast
to the situation here, it was
also pointed out, Hong Kong's
new runway will be ready for
service in August, this year.

Credit Side

On the credit side were plans
to link the airport with central
Tokyo by a subway, thus pro-
viding a speedy and comfortable
connection for air travellers in
place of the present dangerous
surface crawl through the
chaotic traffic. The subway
project is tied in with exten-
sion of the city underground
railway system now under way.

An offshoot of the extension is
a growing area of underground
shopping and eating centres.
These are proving very popular,
since people can relax and go
about at leisure, safe from the
bedlam above.

Politics continued to be mix-
ed up with fishery talks with
Russia and trade negotiations
with China. Tamejima
Hiratsuka, leader of the fishery
delegation to Moscow, returned
to Tokyo on Thursday, and his
report was being carefully
studied as a guide to future
action.

It appeared likely that a high-
ranking member of the Gov-
ernment would be despatched
to Moscow in place of
Hiratsuka to continue the talks.
Mentioned in this connection
were Agriculture and Forestry
Minister Munemasa Akagi,
former Premier Hiroshi Ashida,
and others.

Fishing interests reaffirmed
their proposals that a strong
stand should be taken against
Russia in the talks. But it was
hoped that agreement would be
reached by the end of March
or early in April at the latest,
since the fishing season in
northern waters begins in May
and fishing companies need
time to prepare

SHIPPING

STABILISERS FOR QUEEN MARY

Southampton, Mar. 12. Nearly £750,000 is being spent to fit out the giant Cunard Queen Mary with stabilisers before she resumes her run between Southampton and New York next month.

The reason for spending such an amount on a 22-year-old liner whose life expectancy may not be more than another score of years at most, according to officials of the Line, is that American tourists are shying away from ships without stabilisers.

Tourist agents and the Cunard Line in New York found that the majority of travellers switched their bookings to the Queen Elizabeth, or other vessels when they found that the Queen Mary had no anti-roll gear.

The Queen Elizabeth, younger by five years than her sister, was fitted with stabilisers about three years ago. The two big Cunarders are the only liners fitted with two pairs of stabilising fins, each although one set is now almost standard on big British liners.

In addition to anti-roll gear, Cunard has spent another £500,000 on refurbishing the Queen Mary and bringing her kitchen gear into line with modern requirements.

The Queen Mary will make her first trip since reconstruction on April 2.—United Press.

HAMBURG MARY'S MAIDEN TRIP

London, Mar. 12. Japanese diplomats, shipping officials and trade representatives went to London's West-India Dock to-night to celebrate the arrival after her maiden voyage of a new Japanese merchant vessel, the Hamburg Mary.

The vessel, which has a gross tonnage of 8,973, is the latest in the fleet of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha Company, whose head office is at Osaka.

She arrived in London today with a general cargo of 2,500 tons and is due to leave again next Monday for Rotterdam, Antwerp, Bremen and Hamburg before returning to Japan.

Guests celebrated the ship's maiden voyage in her spacious lounge which is decorated in modern Japanese contemporary style.

British observers among them commented on the vessel's excellent furniture, fittings and general finish, which they thought marked most favourably with anything they had seen.

The vessel has six luxurious double berth cabins for passengers. All the food and drink supplied to guests tonight had been brought from Japan.—Reuter.

INSURERS' CONCERN OVER ACCIDENTS

Merchant ship losses during 1957, together with rising repair costs and lower premiums due to the fall in ship values, have been the main problems facing marine hull underwriters over the past year.

Last year's report of the Liverpool Underwriters' Association, which has just been published, says that casualty experience last year showed no improvement. Although the total tonnage lost was slightly less than in 1956, a number of modern and valuable vessels were involved.

"These losses alone cost hull underwriters over £2.7 million, to which must be added heavy settlement on account of cargo interests," the report states.

So far as cargo insurance is concerned, there was little change in the year. "Many accounts continue to show a high loss ratio. Freight-day cargo rates are both unreluctant and unresponsive, a situation which is further aggravated by the granting of cover for non-fortuitous losses."

During 1957, 80 vessels of over 500 gross tons each, aggregating 282,920 tons, were totally lost due to marine causes. This compares with 95 ships, totalling 290,033 tons in 1956.

RETURN TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

Washington, Mar. 12. American owners of three Liberian-flag cargo ships have applied for their ships to be transferred to the American flag in view of what the depression is doing to the international tramp ship market, according to officials here.

They said this trend had happened for the first time and was being watched with interest by British and Scandinavian shipowners, who have always objected to ships flying the "flags of convenience" such as those of Liberia, Panama and Honduras.

The Maritime Administration has already allowed the Liberian flag cargo ship Pegor to be transferred to the American flag. She was formerly a 10,000-ton Liberty ship and under the American flag.

The owners of another former Liberty ship, the Penn Trader, have applied to the Maritime Administration for re-transfer of this ship to the American flag from the Liberian flag.

Further, the owners of the 15,000-ton cargo ship Pacific Pioneer have requested transfer from the Liberian to the American flag. This ship was built in Japan and has never been registered under the American flag.

The latter is reported to have a Japanese mortgage, which may make transfer difficult.

Officials said owners of US flag tramp ships, of which there are about 60 on the high seas, as well as those of regular US flag cargo lines are beginning to send in strong protests to the Maritime Administration against these transfers.

They said owners of US flag cargo and tramp vessels fear competition will make profits even slimmer than at present.

They said some of the owners of Liberian flag cargo vessels apparently want to transfer to the U.S. flag as to get a cut of the profitable foreign aid cargo traffic of which 50 per cent by law has to be carried in American bottoms.

Officials believed this may prove a trend away from flags of convenience.—United Press.

ATTACK ON FREE TRADE 'SERPENT'

Three hundred British shipowners heard an attack on the proposed European free trade area in London recently.

It was made by Mr. Robert Roper, the new president, at the annual meeting of the Chamber of Shipping, a dream of a shipowner's paradise, for he is ever protesting against restrictions and barriers to the movement of the world's products. But a limited free trade paradise might contain its serpent.

"That serpent," said Mr. Roper, was the difficulty of reconciling Britain as a part of Europe, with Britain as an equal member of the Commonwealth.

CHANGES

He said: "There have sprung up in Europe a number of bodies, mostly offspring of the United Nations, devoted to European co-operation and development. Can we be sure that the results of their work will be what they want or we want, and what will be the impact on the rest of the world?"

"It is the Government's belief that over 80 per cent of this country's trade with Commonwealth countries will be unaffected by a European free trade area. But it seems to me that changes in market conditions must inevitably alter what we have come to call the pattern of trade."

"TAXATION of 'flags of convenience' ships—those registered under the flags of Panama, Liberia, Honduras, and Costa Rica—must go up or that of British ships come down," said Mr. Roper.

A DEMAND

Tokyo, Mar. 12. The Japanese Government announced today it had presented a demand to shipowners for radiation-proof clothing for all sailors on Japanese ships passing near atomic testing grounds in the South Pacific.—Reuter.

The New York Stock Market

New York, Mar. 12. A flurry of strength in the tobaccos and a few selected stocks of some of the industrial groups enlivened a dull, otherwise drab stock market today.

Industrial shares had their first decline in nine sessions, and it was a small one caused by dips in some of the oils, steels, motors, tyres and chemicals.

Philip Morris started in the tobaccos with a gain of more than 2 points. Lorillard rose more than a point and American nearly a point. This group has been reporting record high earnings and predictions of further gains this year have been made.

First National Steels rose more than 3 points. Goings of 2 points or more appeared in F. E. Myers (farm and industrial pumps), West Virginia Pulp & Paper, Owens, Corning Fibreglass, and Chance Vought.

Several developments dampened the recent enthusiasm. They included an announcement that the White House had made no decision on tax cuts and a statement by the Secretary of the Treasury that large-scale public works projects were of "dubious value" as anti-recession remedies. Also the Navy again cancelled another attempt to fire its Vanguard satellite.

Of a total 1,128 issues traded, 416 were higher, 438 lower.

New York Stock Exchange volume was 2,420,000 shares.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$4,210,000.

American Stock Exchange volume was 600,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 Industrials 431.00
500 Stocks 103.37
15 Utilities 103.37
65 Stocks 103.37
40 Bonds 103.37
Comm. Future Price Index 103.37

Standard contract closed 25 to 30 points lower with no sales reported.

Mar. 26-31; May: 20.57; July: 20.57; Sept: 20.57; Nov: 20.57; Jan: 20.57; Mar: 20.57.

After a steady opening, the market gave ground gradually under dealer offerings and reselling by some of Tuesday's buyers. Withdrawal of factory buying interest also weighed on prices.

London interests were small sellers in the terminal market. Shipment business reported 20¢ to 25¢. March/April at 25¢, cost and freight, supposedly of Indonesian origin.

Spot No. 1 Ras was quoted at 20½ cents.

Quiet liquidation of March position outweighed additional selling in the market today.

Sellers at lower levels because reserve stocks and they were some short-covering in the afternoon. Futures:

No. 1 rubber per lb. March 70½-71
No. 2 rubber per lb. March 70½-71
No. 3 rubber per lb. March 70½-71
Spot rubber unbleached 70½-71
No. 1 pale crepe 70-71

LONDON

The rubber market was quiet with spot at 22-13/16 pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 rubber per lb. March 22½-23½
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May 22½-23½
June 22½-23½
July/Aug. 22½-23½
Oct/Dec. 22½-23½
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May 22½-23½
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July/Aug. 22½-23½
Oct/Dec. 22½-23½
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London Metal Prices

Prices of metals closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

Tin 730 734
3-month 730 734
Copper 107½ 107½
3-month 107½ 107½
Lead 14½ 14½
3-month 14½ 14½
Zinc 14½ 14½
3-month 14½ 14½
Alumina 14½ 14½
3-month 14½ 14½
Nickel 14½ 14½
3-month 14½ 14½
Manganese 14½ 14½
3-month 14½ 14½
Iron 14½ 14½
3-month 14½ 14½
Steel 14½ 14½
3-month 14½ 14½
Coal 14½ 14½
3-month 14½ 14½
Lignite 14½ 14½
3-month 14½ 14½
Wood 14½ 14½
3-month 14½ 14½
Paper 14½ 14½
3-month 14½ 14½
Textiles 14½ 14½
3-month 14½ 14½
Food 14½ 14½
3-month 14½ 14½
Fertilizers 14½ 14½
3-month 14½ 14½
Chemicals 14½ 14½
3-month 14½ 14½
Miscellaneous 14½ 14½
3-month 14½ 14½

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$400,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were:

Shares Buyers Sellers
INSURANCES
Union 70 100 @ 71
SHIPPING
Wheatecks 6 0.15 900 @ 6.10

DOCKS, ETC.
Dock 03 54.50
Provident (O) 12 13.20 100 @ 12.20

LAND, ETC.
Tik Hotel KD 13.50 500 @ 13.80
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IKK Land KD 31.50 32 1.20 @ 32.25
Humphreys KD 14.50
Realty 1.35 1.375

RUBBER
Amalgam 1.25 1.275
Trust 1.20

UTILITIES
From KD 22.50 22.90
Star Ferry 110 117
Yamul 10 10.50
Electric 23.80 20.10

INDUSTRIALS
Cement 21.50
Stores, ETC. 10.80
Watson 11.50 11.70
COTTONS
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Britain Cuts Gap In Overseas Trade

London, Mar. 12. Britain cut her overseas trade gap to only £11,000,000 last month, the Board of Trade announced today.

This was the lowest figure for any month since World War II except for October, 1954, when there was a national dock strike, and July 1940.

Exports in February were valued at £235,400,000 or £12,000,000 less than in January. Re-exports totalled £12,000,000 or slightly less than in January according to provisional figures issued today.

Imports amounted to £288,700,000. This was £39,000,000 less than in January and the lowest figure since the Autumn of 1954.

The trade gap—£11,000,000—was £23,000,000 less than in January.

Exports for the two months taken together were almost the same as in the corresponding period of last year.

Imports were 12 per cent less, reflecting the general reduction in world commodity prices and freight charges for the two months were nine per cent more than in 1957.—Reuter.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

New York, Mar. 12. Cotton futures today saw-sawed over a range of \$1 a bale in relatively slow dealings.

Rallying briskly after a lower opening, the market ran into renewed resistance after the deferred new crop deliveries touched seasonal highs.

Rebounding and hedge selling gathered momentum toward the close, forcing the market down to the day's lowest levels and net losses of 12 to 25 points. The market opened up 1 to 10 points. New Orleans closed 7 to 15 points lower.

Evening-up operations in the March delivery, anticipating its expiration tomorrow, accounted for part of the activity. Leading spot interests sold March at 10 points under May. Recently they did the same operation at 40 points premium for March.

Open March contracts today totalled 14,200 bales. Today's dealings were presumed to have nearly evened-out the position.

Traders in new crop months appeared to be marking time. Some quarters felt farm legislation news had been discounted and that the next price-middling incentives may be found in the newly new crop and weather news.

Cotton exports today totalled 10,650 bales, bringing shipments for season to 3,899,530 bales vs 4,810,490 bales shipped to the same period last year.

Liverpool futures closed 2 higher to four English points lower, or 457 to 512 American points below New York prices.

Main buyers were continental and Australian mills with limited support from Japan and Bradford.

Perth selling brokers reported the market firm during today's sales. Bradford also bought freely with support from Japan and Australian mills. Top price was at 70 pence.—United Press.

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:
Spot: 36.10; Mar: 36.00; May: 36.70; July: 36.80; Oct: 36.20; Dec: 36.20; Mar: 36.45; May: 36.30; July: 36.37.

LIVERPOOL

Cotton future closings, in pence per lb. were as follows:
Old contract Mar/Apr: 25.45
May/June: 25.37
July/Aug: 25.20
Sept/Oct: 25.15
Nov/Dec: 25.10
New contract Mar/Apr: 25.15
May/June: 25.10
July/Aug: 25.05
Sept/Oct: 25.00
Nov/Dec: 25.00

SAO PAULO

Cotton future closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:
Mar: 30.40
Apr: 30.40
May: 30.40
Jun: 30.40
Jul: 30.40
Aug: 30.40
Sep: 30.40
Oct: 30.40
Nov: 30.40
Dec: 30.40

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market at the following rates:
U.S. dollar (per \$1) 5.85
£1 (per £1) 18.85
Australian dollar (per \$1) 18.85
Indonesian rupiah (per \$1) 18.85
Burmese kyat (per \$1) 18.85
SINGAPORE (STRANS) 1.10

United Press.

Hongkong Footwear Threat

In Canada

Ottawa, Mar. 12. The Canadian Labour Congress today called on the Tariff Board to give added protection to the domestic rubber footwear industry.

In a brief to the Board, which opened a public hearing on the industry today, the million-member labour body said the trend of the past 10 years, if not halted, pointed to the eventual extinction of the Canadian rubber footwear industry.

It noted that rubber footwear and running shoes used to be a Canadian export, but that imports from Hongkong, India, Japan, Czechoslovakia and the United Kingdom "threatened the existence of this industry in Canada."

"The wages paid in these countries are so low as to make it possible for the producers in those countries to ship their products into Canada and to compete successfully with Canadian producers and Canadian workers," the CLC said.

AT MERCY

"To allow our native industry to disappear and to rely upon foreign sources is to place a considerable segment of our economy and a large part of our population at the mercy of conditions which at best are unstable and at worst may lead to the complete non-availability of this type of footwear," the brief warned.

The CLC said most Canadian workers in the rubber footwear industry live in towns dependent upon the industry and that no alternative jobs are available there.

"Further reduction in the rubber footwear industry will simply add to the problem of unemployment rather than to a rearrangement of the Canadian work force by the absorption of rubber footwear workers into other industries and occupations," the CLC pointed out.

"The brief stated that it would be in the public interest for consumers to obtain merchandise at a price which is ostensibly cheap in terms of the price tag but dear in terms of social cost," the brief stated.

The Canadian industry is seeking a minimum duty on imports rather than an increase in tariff rates.—United Press.

Singapore Stocks

Singapore, Mar. 13. Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

Batu Lintang Rubber Co. Opening
British Ind. 11.05
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Syndicate 32/-
Consolidated Tin 27/63
Or 27/63
Fraser & Neave Ltd. 42/63
Fraser & Neave 42/63
Giammas (Malaya) Limited 42/63
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank 44/00
Haffles Ltd. 52/63
Kumpan Ltd. 81/63
Kuala Lumpur Tin 12/15
Lunas Rubber Estates Ltd. 12/63
Malayan Breweries Co. 23/63
New Serendah Rubber 23/63
Lat. (ex div) 11/25 1/2
Patterson Tin Ltd. 11/25 1/2
Raffles Ltd. 11/25 1/2
Singapore Cold Storage 40/81
Straits Trading 11/75
United Engineers Ord. 11/25
United 11/25
Wearin Bros. 11/25

China Mail Special.

Wool Prices In Melbourne

Melbourne, Mar. 12. Prices for the stylish merino fleece wools improved slightly at Geelong sales today but medium and coarse cross-breeds declined further.

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Exchange Rates

NUCLEAR TESTING SUSPENSION PLAN IS BEING STUDIED

Washington, Mar. 12.
The United States is conducting a scientific study to find out whether nuclear tests could be suspended in the absence of an overall disarmament pact with Russia, it was learned today.

WESTERLING TO MAKE OPERA DEBUT

The Hague, Mar. 12.
Former Army Captain Raymond "Turco" Westerling, who made world news in the early days of 1950 by capturing the city of Bandung, in West Java, with his few hundred strong "Army of the Heavenly Host" in a rebellion against the one-month-old Indonesian Government, will make a come-back in the public eye, but this time as a peaceful opera singer.

JEWELLER'S ENTRY CASE TO BE HEARD

Boston, Mar. 12.
The case of a Chinese jeweler who fled from the Chinese mainland and was charged with illegally entering the U.S. will be heard tomorrow before a U.S. Commissioner.

The Commissioner will decide whether Lew Sheek-nun should be sent to San Francisco, where he has been indicted for illegal entry.

He gave himself up to the Boston authorities, saying he did so to save his sister from going to jail for helping him to evade arrest.

Mrs. Edward Chin, 42, the former Lew Ming-sun, is an American citizen and mother of three. She faces a five-year prison term if convicted of harbouring her brother. An indictment on such a charge has been returned in San Francisco.

Lew went from China to Hongkong in 1956 and then was smuggled to Hawaii. He hid aboard a freighter for the trip to the United States.

His lawyers said he left his wife and eight children behind in Red China. They said he had to leave to save his life. His partner in a jewellery firm was killed and Lew was beaten and all his possessions were confiscated, the lawyers said.—United Press.

Air Traffic Disrupted

Limited visibility due to foggy weather again disrupted plane arrivals and departures at Kai Tak this morning.

Three aircraft expected this morning were diverted to Manila—PAA from Tokyo, PAA from Bangkok and CPA from Singapore.

Three departures have been put off till this afternoon—JAL to Bangkok, PAA to Bangkok and PAA to Tokyo.

Fire In City

The short circuiting of a wire attached to an electric calculating machine was believed to have been responsible for a small fire which broke out just before 1 p.m. today in the office of the Chung Cheung Co. Ltd., 113 Marine House.

Several fire appliances answered the alarm, and the fire was quickly put out.

Administration officials said the inquiry would cover the number of check points, mobile inspection teams and other safeguards which would be required to guard against any illicit nuclear testing.

President Eisenhower was said to have ordered his scientific adviser, Dr. James Killian Jr., to go ahead with the study some weeks ago. Representatives of the Atomic Energy Commission, Defence and other departments are working with non-government scientists in the survey.

Any decision to divorce nuclear testing from a general disarmament "package" deal would be a major switch in Allied policy. The Allies have insisted that any test cut-off be tied to many other disarmament proposals, including an East-West agreement to halt production of atomic weapons.

Officials refused to predict the outcome of the Killian inquiry. They also emphasised that a final decision was months in the future.

Britain and France were said to be reluctant to halt nuclear testing at this time. They trail the United States in this phase of nuclear development. Britain wants to hold more tests, France has not yet held a nuclear test.

Another question is whether Russia could "cheat" on an atomic test ban. It has been suggested that the Soviets could explode a nuclear weapon underground and thus avoid the tell-tale radioactivity which accompanies a surface or air burst.

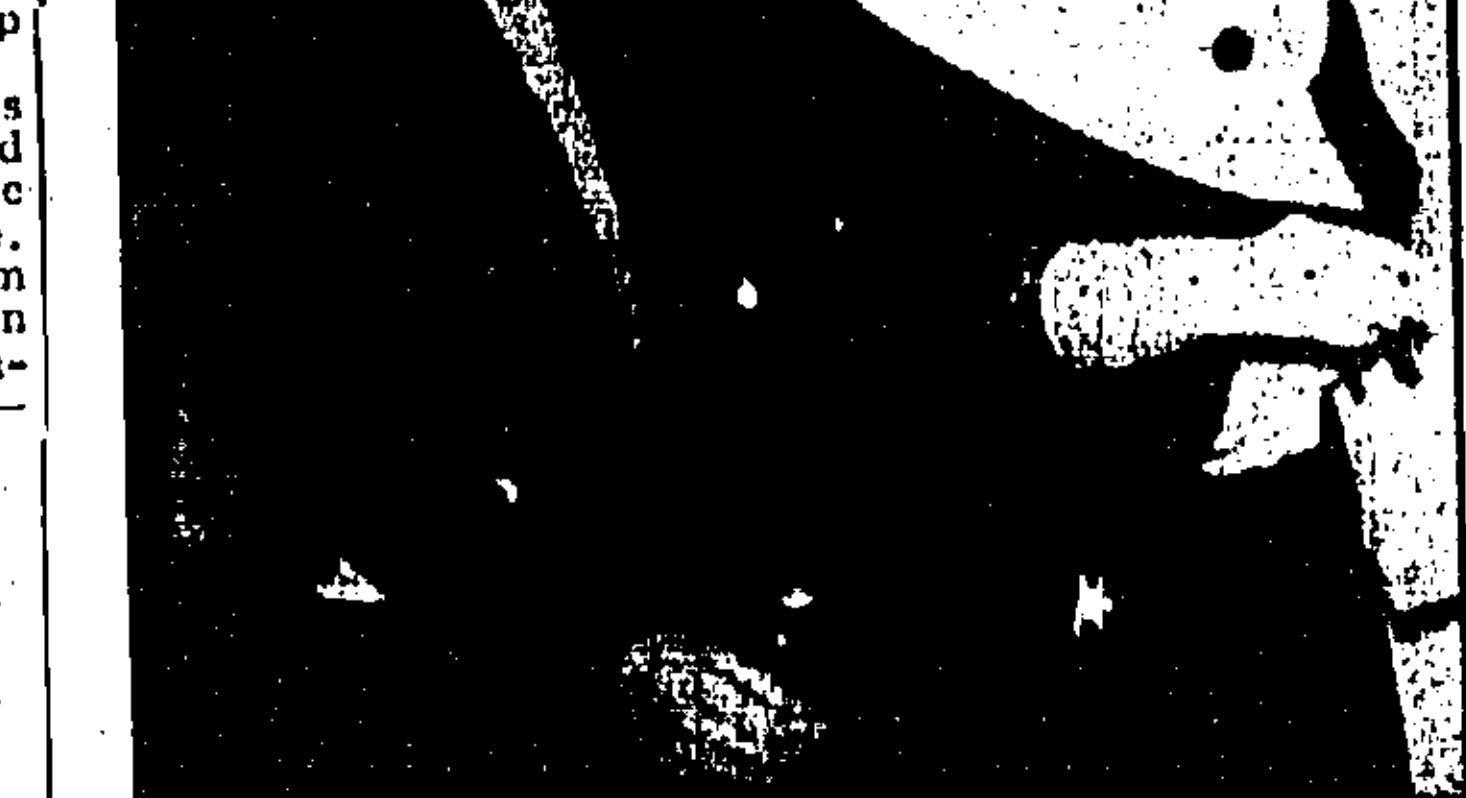
Aside from espionage, the only other known way to detect such a test would be by picking up resultant earth tremors on seismographs. The AEC told newsmen on March 6 that earth waves produced by a deep U.S. underground shot last September 19 were detected at a maximum distance of 250 miles. This apparently lent strength to arguments that this country could not detect Soviet underground blasts.

However, the Commission announced on Monday that the U.S. test actually was detected 2,320 miles away. In another statement today, the AEC blamed the "inaccurate statement" on "an inadvertent error by the AEC staff." It said it was corrected as soon as possible.

But Hubert Humphrey (Democrat, Minnesota), chairman of the Senate Disarmament Subcommittee, said the original statement gave "the impression that scientific facts are being used by someone to prove a political point." He called this "a dangerous concept to perpetuate in our effort to work out effective arms control agreements."

One inducement to Britain and France to agree to a nuclear test ban might be Congressional approval of the administration's proposed change in the Atomic Energy Act.

Initial hearings already have been held by a Senate-Atomic Sub-Committee on changes to permit transfer of more atomic secrets, including test results, to Allied powers.—United Press.



Lady Black Opens Helena May Annexe

THE new Helena May Institute Annexe, which is to provide accommodation for 20 business girls, was opened this morning by Lady Black.

The erection of the Annexe was made possible by a donation of \$250,000 from the Hongkong Jockey Club. The cornerstone was laid by Lady Grantham in July last year.

Mrs. I. Sykes, Chairman of the Helena May Institute, welcomed Lady Black, not as a stranger but as a returned absent member who previously took a great interest in Helena May activities.

Lady Black was then led through the covered way which connects the old building to the new wing. She declared the Annexe open by cutting a ribbon stretched across the main door.

A small plaque inscribed to commemorate the occasion was unveiled by Lady Black, who was then taken on a conducted tour of the wing by the architect, Mr. S. E. Fabb, the site of the old tennis court, has been built on the site of the old tennis court, has been built on the site of the old tennis court, has been built on the site of the old tennis court.

Lady Black is pictured above with Mrs. Sykes.

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STARLET PACKED OFF TO SCHOOL



Fourteen-year-old French starlet Cathia Caro, pictured here with her parents at their home in Rouen, has been packed off to a girls' boarding school after completing one film opposite Jean Marais, one of France's leading actors. The parents have kept the school's address secret, to keep away publicity men, journalists and film promoters until she is older. (Express)

DEPORTEE CALLS HIMSELF:

Ping-Pong Ball Across Border

A deportee who said he was like "a ping-pong ball being bounced back and forth across the border" had his sentence of four years' hard labour for breach of a deportation order reduced by half by the Full Court this morning.

Leung Wing-cheung, 30, painter, appealed against the sentence imposed on him by Judge K.R. Maclean at the Victoria District Court on February 12.

The Full Court comprised the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice T.J. Gould, and the Senior Judge, Mr. Justice C.W. Beece.

The appellant pleaded that when he was first deported, the Chinese sent him back across the border. Here he was given a goal sentence and then re-deported to China.

Leung said he was detained again by the Chinese authorities, who disbelieved him when he said the Hongkong Police had sent him across.

His Lordship pointed out, however, that Leung had been at large in Hongkong for about a month before his arrest. His offence, therefore, had been one of being in the Colony and failing to make any attempt to get out or to report to the Police.

It appeared that Leung had had no intention of going away, the Judge added.

Mr. Justice Gould said, however, that taking into consideration all the circumstances of the case, the Court found the sentence was perhaps too severe, and would reduce it to two years.

Another appellant, Chan Wing, 32, unemployed, appealed against the sentence of three years' hard labour and two years' Police supervision passed by Judge James Wickes at the Victoria District Court on February 13 for housebreaking.

Chan said his wife had just been discharged from hospital, and he had to earn money to pay her medical bills. Also, he had many children to support.

Dismissing Chan's appeal, Mr. Justice Gould pointed out that he had 13 previous convictions, and that in view of this, the sentence of three years was not excessive.

A Chinese was arrested early this morning following the wounding of another Chinese at 14 Second Street, Western District. The injured man was taken to Queen Mary Hospital for treatment.

HONGKONG ELECTRIC MEETING

The 65th annual general meeting of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. was held at the company's office in P and O Building this morning.

Proposed by Mr. B. T. Flanagan, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and seconded by Mr. Li Fook-shu, shareholder, the annual report and statement of accounts were unanimously adopted.

Mr. Flanagan, in proposing the adoption of accounts, said the Directors recommended the following financial appropriations—to pay a final dividend of \$1.30 per share, \$5,500,000; to transfer to General Reserve, \$4,500,000; to carry forward to 1958 the balance of \$893,751.44.

Mr. B. T. Flanagan and Mr. W. A. Stewart were re-elected Directors by a resolution proposed by Mr. B. Wong Tape, and seconded by Mr. Leung Fattin.

Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., were re-appointed Auditors on a proposal by Mr. R. C. Lee, seconded by Mr. B. W. Bradbury.

Those present were Mr. B. T. Flanagan (Chairman), the Hon. Sir Tsun-nin Chou, Mr. C. M. Goldsack, and Mr. H. D. M. Barton, (Directors), Mr. W. Stoker, (General Manager), Mr. D. L. Prophet, (representing the Auditors) and Messrs. B. Wong Tape, T. H. G. Brayfield, W. E. Gutierrez, Li Fook-shu, Yeung Pak-min, Leung Fattin, Li Hin-lung, Hou Kun-chow, A. K. Minu, R. C. Lee, H. de V. Booten, B. W. Bradbury, Roy B. Anderson and Dr. T. T. Mok (shareholders).

The party returned to the hotel about 45 minutes later and went back to the mooring at Deep Water Bay between 7 and 7.30 p.m.

Their personal store and gear were then loaded and put on a sampan and the party returned to the beach.

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ISLAND ROAD TRAFFIC CASE

Collapse On Beach Described By Witness

Mr W. W. Vowler, a defence witness in the case against Noel Walter Craig, 40, charged with traffic offences, testified before Mr G. R. Sneath at Central Court this morning on the events on February 23 when he and the defendant participated in a junk race.

The defendant denied charges of driving a car whilst under the influence of drink and careless driving in Island Road on February 23.

He is represented by Mr P. J. Griffiths, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist. Mr D.F.O. Mayne, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Sub-Insp. M.H. Groome.

Mr Vowler said that he had known the defendant about two years. On the morning of February 23, he met the defendant and Mr Lathan at Deep Water Bay as previously arranged to take part in a junk race. He brought with him some food, about a dozen cans of beer and just under half a bottle of gin.

The race started about 10 a.m. and finished about 5 p.m. It was an extremely hot day, but all three stayed on the deck during the race.

He said the party started lunch about 1.30 p.m. and finished about 3 p.m. Asked about the drinks they had consumed at lunch, Vowler said they all drank quite equally and did not take any more drinks from 3 p.m. until the race concluded at 5 p.m.

When the race finished, the junk sailed off and anchored opposite the Yacht Club at Middle Island and tied alongside the H. Ho, another junk. He said he did not notice anything abnormal in defendant's behaviour.

He said the party stayed on board the H. Ho for about half an hour and he himself took a gin and tonic. He said the defendant and Mr Lathan each also took a drink.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



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DEAD WEIGHT

Questioned about the incident on the beach, witness said he was not sure if he had got off the launch before or after the defendant. He said when he turned round, the defendant was on his knees, and he lifted the defendant to his feet.

He said defendant was "dead weight" when he first lifted him up. They then walked on the beach. He said he was also talking to the defendant and defendant's response was "I feel alright," or words to that effect.

He said when Mr Lathan came to their assistance, the defendant had passed heavily on him and Mr Lathan.

Asked by the Court, witness said defendant had made no reference of his intention to drive to Stanley when the party was on the beach. He said he assumed that defendant was going to see his friend at Stanley.

Heating is continuing.

TWO INJURED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS

A four-year-old girl, Lo Ching-ming, of 6, Kam Fong Street, Mongkok, was knocked down and seriously injured by a private car in Argyle Street, near Sai Yung Choi Street, yesterday. The victim is receiving treatment in Kowloon Hospital.

Wong Cheung, aged 48, was knocked down and injured by a private car whilst walking in Gloucester Road, near Stewart Road, yesterday. The injured man, who lives at 84, Apollis Street, Shamshuipo, was sent to Queen Mary Hospital for treatment.